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HELSINKI, TO-DAY.

PRACTICALLY EVERY SOLID GAIN ACHIEVED BY THE RED ARMY AFTER TWELVE DAYS OF RELENTLESS ATTACK ON THE MANNERHEIM LINE WAS WIPED OUT YESTERDAY, WHEN BRILLIANTLY TIMED FINNISH COUNTER-ATTACKS HURLED THE RUSSIANS FROM THEIR POSITIONS IN THE OUTPOSTS OF THE LINE.

In desperate fighting at close quarters, both sides suffered severe casualties, but the Russians in addition lost considerable war material and many prisoners were taken.

OIL SUPPLY BEHIND JAP. MOVE?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tokyo, To-day.
Diplomatic quarters suggest, in connection with the Japanese abrogation of the Japanese treaty of commerce and arbitration with the Netherlands, that the purpose may be discovered in a Japanese demand, during the negotiations for a new treaty, for a larger access to the oilfields of the Dutch East Indies.—Havas.

AIR FIGHT OVER THE THAMES

London, To-day.
The Air Ministry announces that three R.A.F. fighters dived 14,000 feet in pursuit of a Heinkel raider off the mouth of the Thames Estuary last evening.

Daylight was fading when the British planes, which were Spitfires, sighted the raider, who immediately began a twisting dive towards a cloud. The Spitfires followed, firing in turn as they dived.

As fast as the raider eluded the fire of one, another took up the attack. Although visibility was very poor several bursts of fire took effect. The raider was last seen heading to earth into a cloud of darkness.—Reuter.

WEATHER FORECAST:—North and north-east winds, moderate to fresh; fine to cloudy; colder.

Large reinforcements were rushed up by the Reds and the artillery barrage immediately laid down reached a crescendo scarcely equalled in a 12-day offensive which has been notable for the reckless expenditure of heavy ammunition.

Five divisions of Russian troops are now reported to be engaged in the forward positions of the Mannerheim Line in front of Viborg.

Neutral correspondents state that the Finnish morale shows no sign of cracking.—Havas.

GREAT VIOLENCE

Paris, To-day.
The Soviet offensive on the Mannerheim Line developed with great violence early yesterday, according to information reaching official quarters from Helsinki.

It is added that the Finns are still standing firm.—Reuter.

STOCKHOLM SENSATION

Stockholm, To-day.

Three prominent Swedish business men have been arrested for espionage. They have confessed, say the Swedish police.

They are said to have given information to an unnamed foreign power about the movements of ships. They are: a native of England who is employed by a German concern in Sweden; a Swedish employee of a British soap company; and a shipbroker handling iron ore.—Reuter.

LOANS FOR CHINA AND FINLAND

Washington, To-day.
The Senate yesterday passed by 49 votes to 27 the resolution authorizing loans to Finland and China.—Reuter.

LINE OF SUCCESSION

FREDERICK, BISMARCK, HITLER

Berlin, To-day.

"The world will have to understand that the present war is a fundamental conflict between the German social state and British plutocracy," declared Propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels in a speech to Nazi propaganda lecturers yesterday.

"What Frederick the Great began and Bismarck continued now matures to fulfilment.

"National-Socialism had to choose between capitulation before Britain, thus abandoning the historic mission, or facing up to London's attack."

Earlier in his speech Dr. Goebbels declared it was impossible to differentiate between public opinion and views officially expressed. A government could not give assurances of

DANES MAY REFUSE TO SUPPLY NAZIS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Copenhagen, To-day.
Political circles here state that Denmark may be compelled to retaliate by ceasing sales of farm products to the Reich should Germany continue to sink Danish merchantmen trading with Britain.

Similar indications were given recently in Danish quarters, including the influential newspapers "Politiken" and "Social-Demokraten." —Havas.

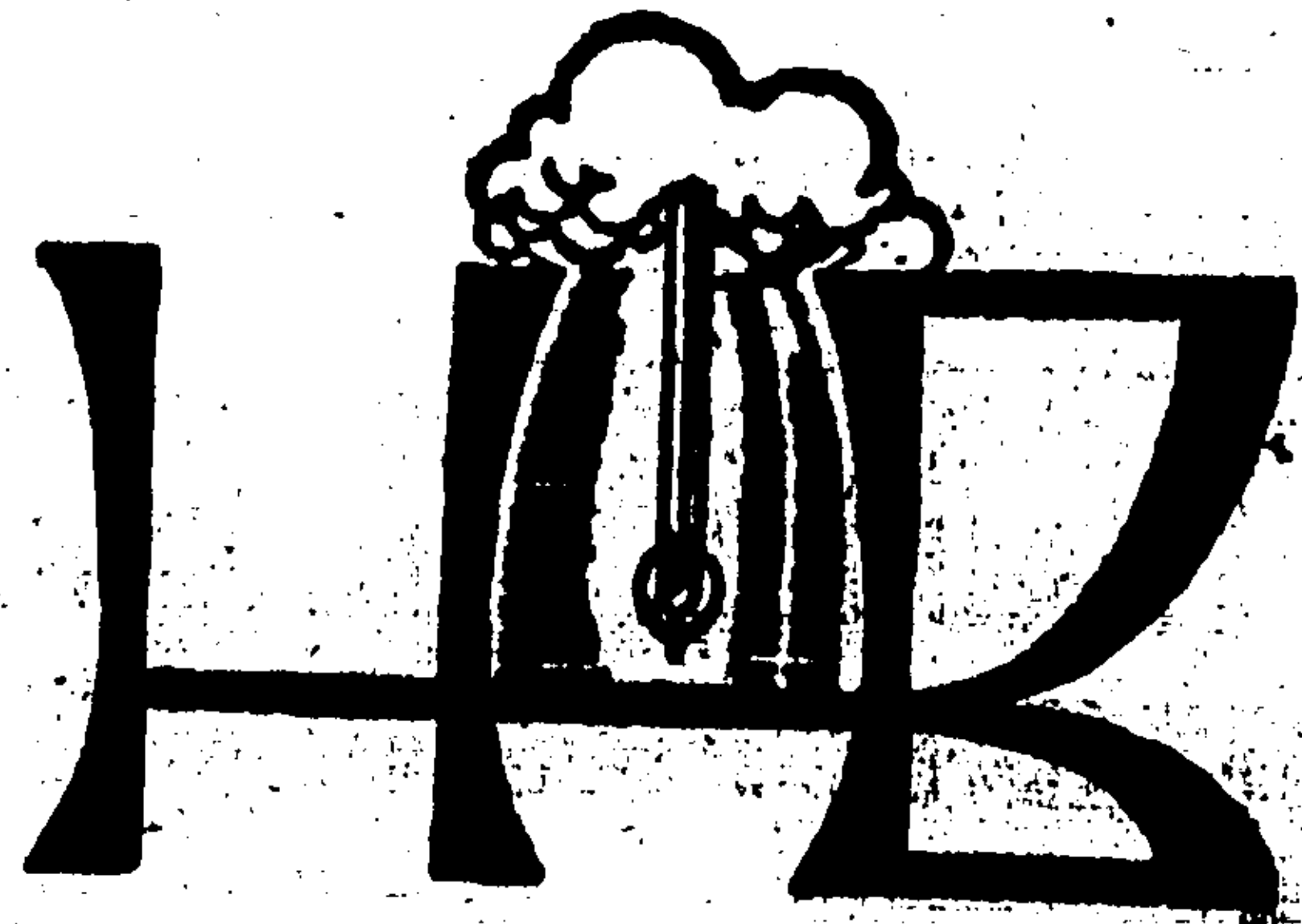
400 POLISH AIRMEN IN FINLAND

London, To-day.

The "Daily Herald" reports that nearly 400 Polish airmen are now in Finland and will soon be manning British planes against the Soviets.—Reuter.

neutrality and at the same time permit any journalistic excess against the German people and leaders.—Reuter.

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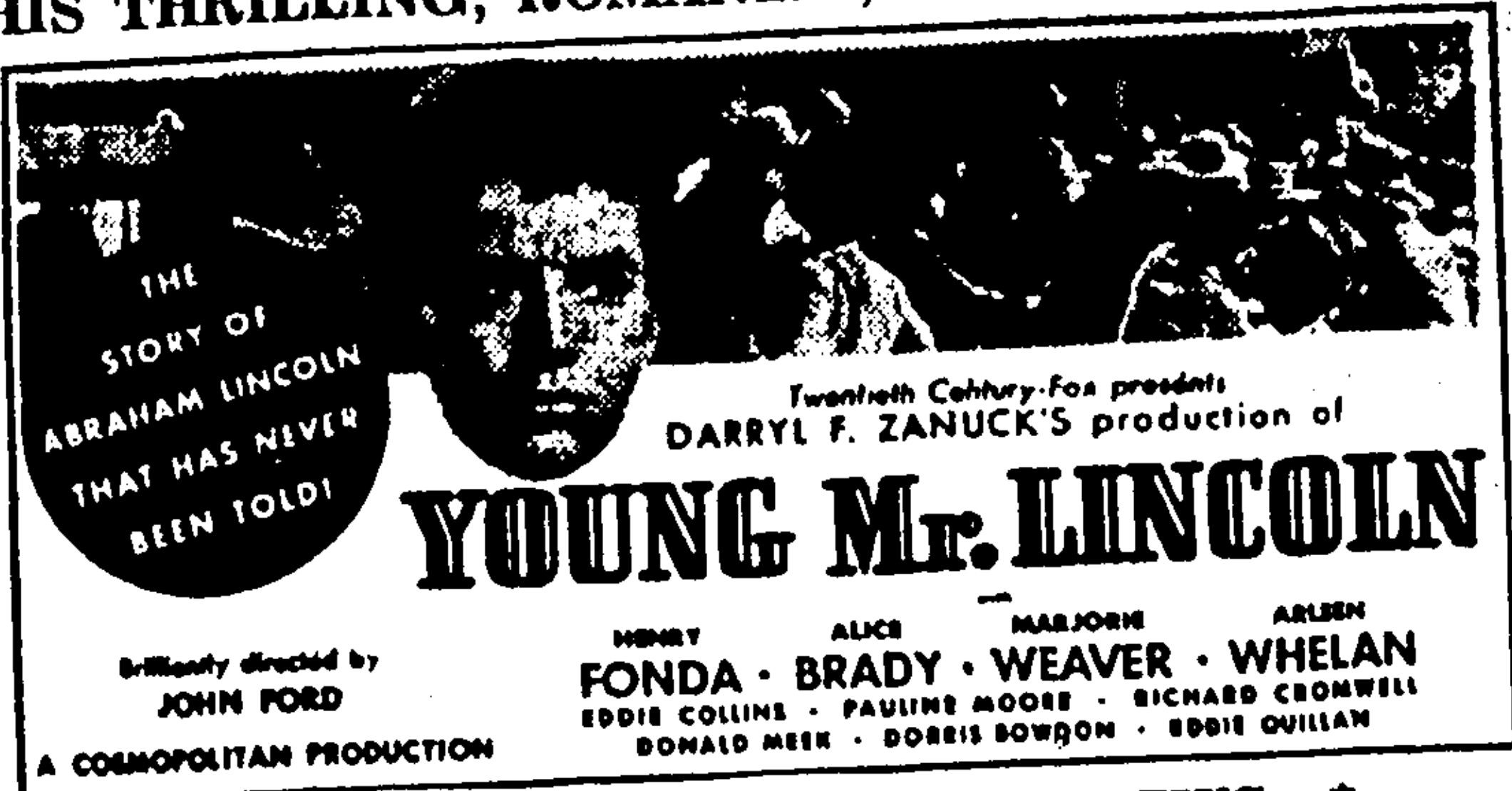
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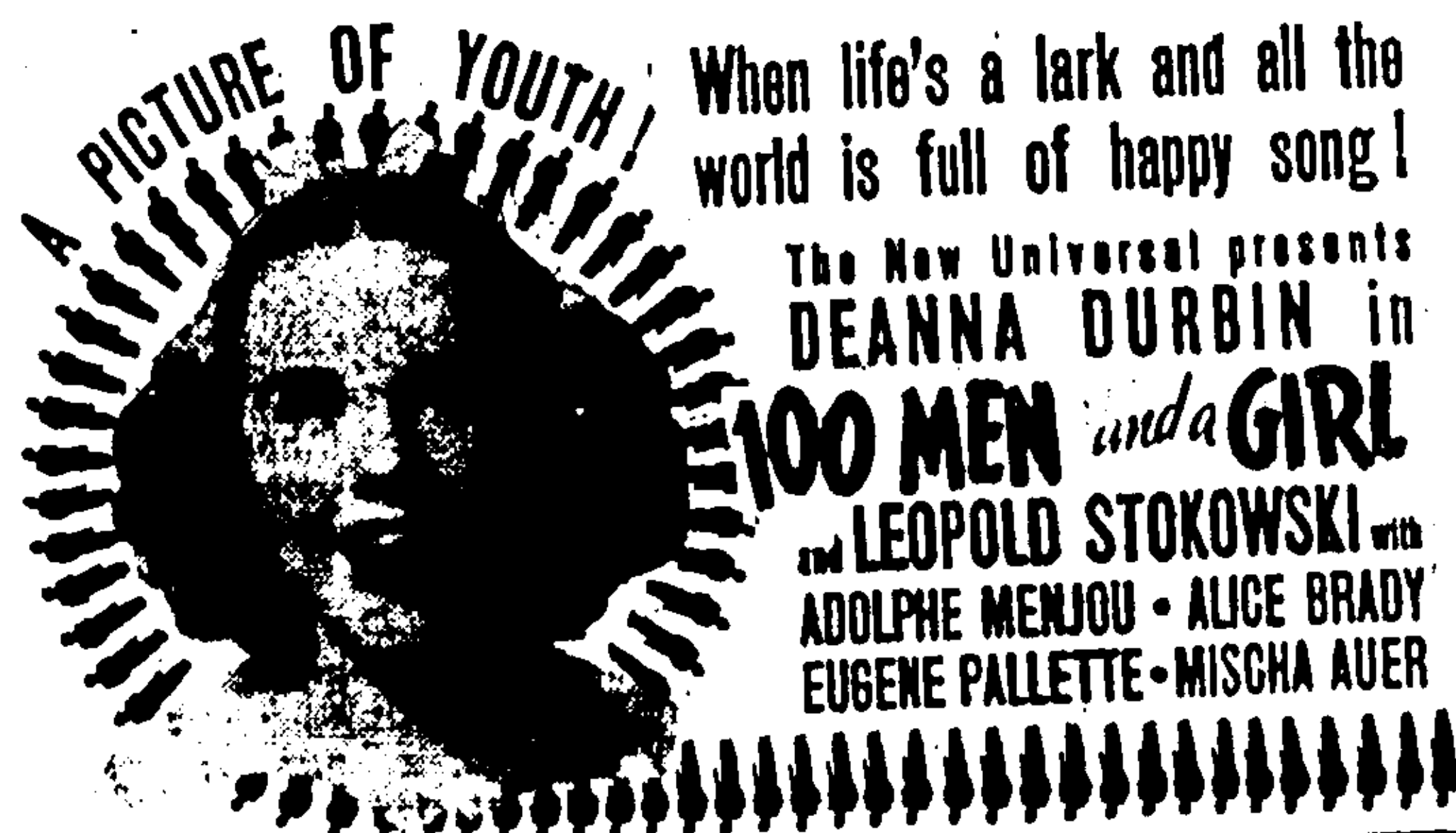
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BUCHAREST REJECTS GERMAN OIL DEMAND

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.

REPORTS FROM BUCHAREST state that Rumania recently rejected a German request to increase deliveries of Rumanian oil to 2,000,000 tons from the 1,250,000 tons provided in the German-Rumanian Agreement.

This shows, firstly, that Germany is meeting increasing difficulties in getting the oil she requires and, secondly, that Rumania is not ready to grant to the Reich concessions which would be contrary to the interests of the Allies.

Meanwhile, it is learned that the German Minister to Rumania, Dr. Wilhelm Fabricius, endeavouring to convince Rumania that the Reich has no aggressive designs and that the Reich is ready to guarantee her (Rumania) against invasion.

MET WITH DISTRUST

However, Dr. Fabricius' assurances are met with distrust, Bucharest considering the reality of the Soviet threat. On the other hand, Rumania's determination to resist any foreign pressure has been strengthened by the Allies' intensive preparations to form an Eastern Army and is ready to back the British and French Allies in the Balkans, in accordance with the guarantee given to Turkey, Rumania and Greece. — Havas.

SEAMAN CRUSHED

A seaman, Lui Ping-nam, 37, had a leg crushed yesterday when two steam-launches collided near the Sai Kong Wharf. The man was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

WANG MAY POSTPONE ONCE AGAIN

SHANGHAI, TO-DAY.

THE INAUGURATION OF WANG CHING-WEI'S "CENTRAL KUOMINTANG GOVERNMENT" WILL BE FURTHER DELAYED, ACCORDING TO QUARTERS CLOSE TO THE EXPELLED CHUNGKING OFFICIAL.

It is said that owing to several new problems, arrangements will not be able to be completed for the establishment of the "puppet regime" on March 15.

The regime is now expected to be set up at the beginning of April.

Both Liang Hung-chih, and Wang Keh-min, are in Shanghai conferring with Wang Ching-wei and Japanese leaders.—Our Own Correspondent.

PERMANENT WAVE ACCIDENT

Suffering from burns on the head, alleged to have been caused whilst having a permanent wave at a beauty parlour, a 30-year-old Chinese woman, Kwan Yin, was admitted to the Tung Wah Eastern Hospital on Monday.

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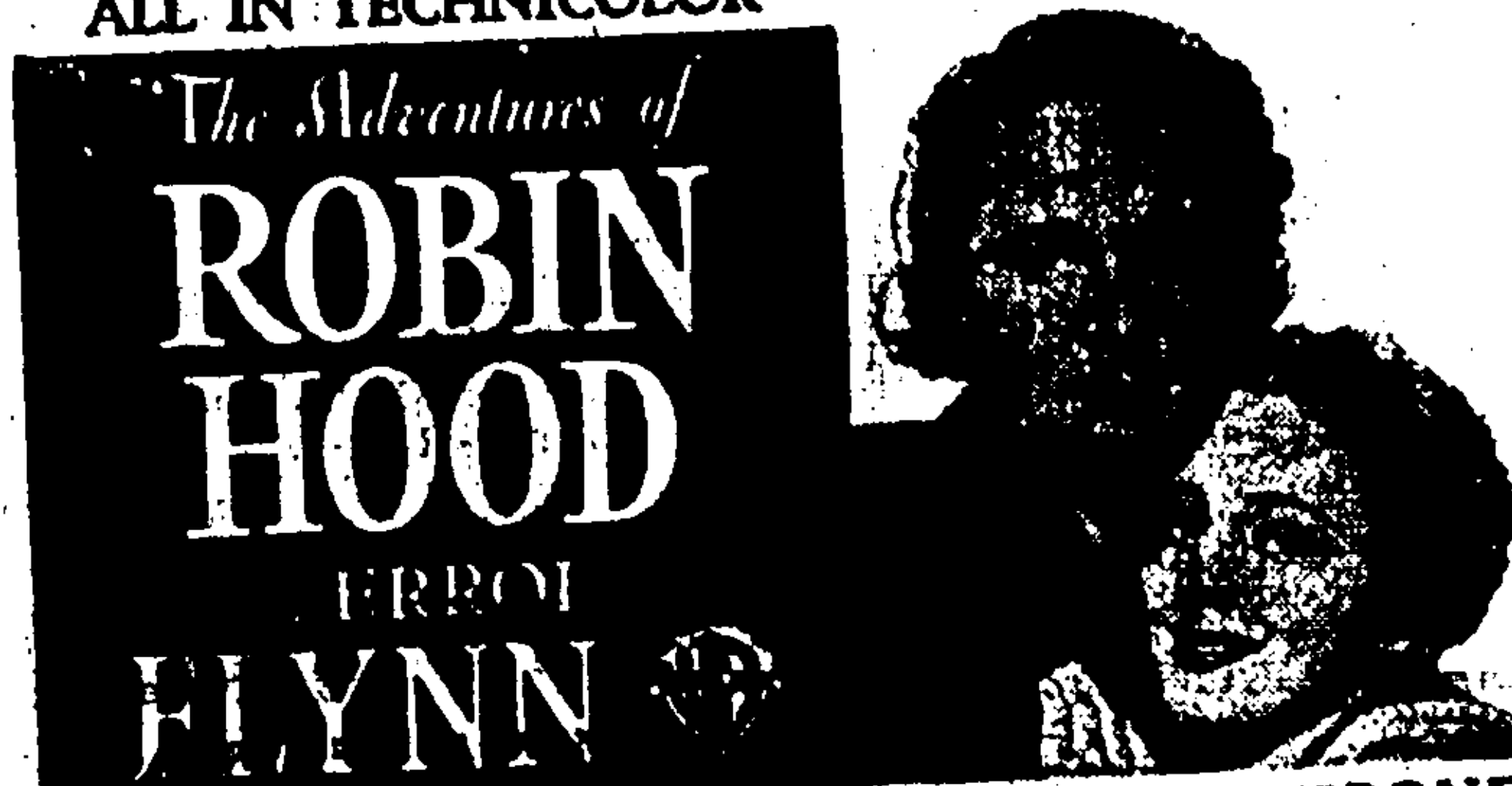
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THE SAIKUNG MURDER CASE, IN WHICH A 63-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS STRANGLED, ALLEGEDLY BY TWO MEN WHO STOLE THREE CHICKENS AND 63 CENTS, REACHED ITS CONCLUDING STAGES THIS MORNING AT THE SUPREME COURT.

THE ACCUSED ARE LAM TING-YING AND LAM TAU.

The case is being heard by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor and a jury composed of Messrs. D. Buchanan (foreman), Lo Tai-yan, E. W. Sharp, A. E. Gutierrez, Ho Shui-qui and C. P. Grant.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting while Mr. I. Hosang instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli represents the first accused and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson instructed by Mr. Hall the second accused.

Second accused, in evidence, admitted that he went to the house to steal chickens. He stood outside. When he did go in, he saw deceased on the ground. He thought she was sleeping as she was motionless. First accused was in the rear cubicle. He took three chickens and went outside again and kept watch. He had been on watch before he went in. After coming out, first accused followed. He then heard first accused shout "Save Life" two or three times. That was outside. They returned to their village and killed and ate the chickens. He was given 30 cents by first accused.

SOLE OBJECT

The sole object of the journey was to steal chickens for a midnight meal. He did not anticipate any violence. He was lame and had nothing to do with the strangulation of the woman. He did not lay his hands on her.

Cross-examined by Mr. Williams, witness said he had a sickle with him. He had used it to lay fox traps and had taken it back to the village after he met first accused. He took it with him as it was small but not for any other purpose.

He did not see first accused tie up the door. He anticipated an alarm being raised. He helped to push in the door. It was at least five minutes after accused entered the hut that he did so.

COUNSELS' ARGUMENT

Mr. Williams, addressing the jury, said The crown could not show which one or both of accused had done the act. But if a number of persons set out with a common design and in furtherance of that design, one of the party killed another, it was murder for all. Even watching, so that the presence lent strength, warranted a charge of murder against the persons watching.

Accused went with a common design and were frustrated by the shouts of the old lady. More force than was expected was used.

Mr. Hosang said it was admitted that accused went to steal but only to steal. There were two suggestions as to how deceased met her death.

First accused had stated that he found the room in a state of disorder when he arrived. Was it not possible that someone had arrived there before the accused, had attacked the woman and ransacked the place? The woman, in a dazed condition, had instinctively bolted the door, and when accused came, they caused her to fall on the straw and smother herself.

There was no direct evidence that the strangulation was done by either or both of accused. Shouts of "Save Life" were made by first accused, whose story was consistent throughout.

The other suggestion was that an intruder had been there before, grappled with a deceased, left the marks on the neck as stated by the doctor and had ran away. In a dazed

GEN. SMUTS FORCES THE ISSUE

Capetown, To-day.

After challenging the Government's war measures in the House of Assembly yesterday in a debate lasting 26 hours, the Hertzog-Malan opposition unsuccessfully moved the adjournment in the afternoon.

The motion was defeated by 78 votes to 48, and the debate on the second reading of the Emergency Powers Bill will therefore continue.

The opposition Whip, asking the Premier, General Smuts, to accept the adjournment motion, stated the House was unable to carry on.

The official reporters were exhausted, there were no supplies in the pantries and the chef, who had been on duty 36 hours, was near exhaustion.

The Whip added there were still 22 members of the opposition who wished to speak, and unless there was an adjournment the debate would continue until 4 a.m. to-day at the earliest.

RECORD SITTING

General Smuts declined to accept the motion. He said the opposition Whip should appeal to members of his own party who already had had ample opportunity to discuss points raised by the Bill.

The Assembly finally passed the second reading of the Bill by 79 votes to 59 after a record sitting of 28 hours 47 minutes. — Reuter.

POLISH ASSISTANCE TO ALLIES

London, To-day.

It is officially revealed that one of the transports used by the Australian-New Zealand expeditionary force was a Polish vessel, manned by Polish sailors.—Reuter.

Another four smallpox cases were notified to the local Health Department yesterday. Two were in Kowloon, one in Victoria and one in Shauiwan.

condition she managed, however, to bolt the door and then fell unconscious on the straw and smothered herself.

That could account for the evidence of strangulation.

Mr. Anderson said that even if first accused was found guilty of strangling the woman his client had nothing to do with it. There was an interval of five minutes between the time first accused and Lam Tan entered the room.

His client went to steal chickens. That was the only thing in common. He had no other intent.

The case is proceeding.

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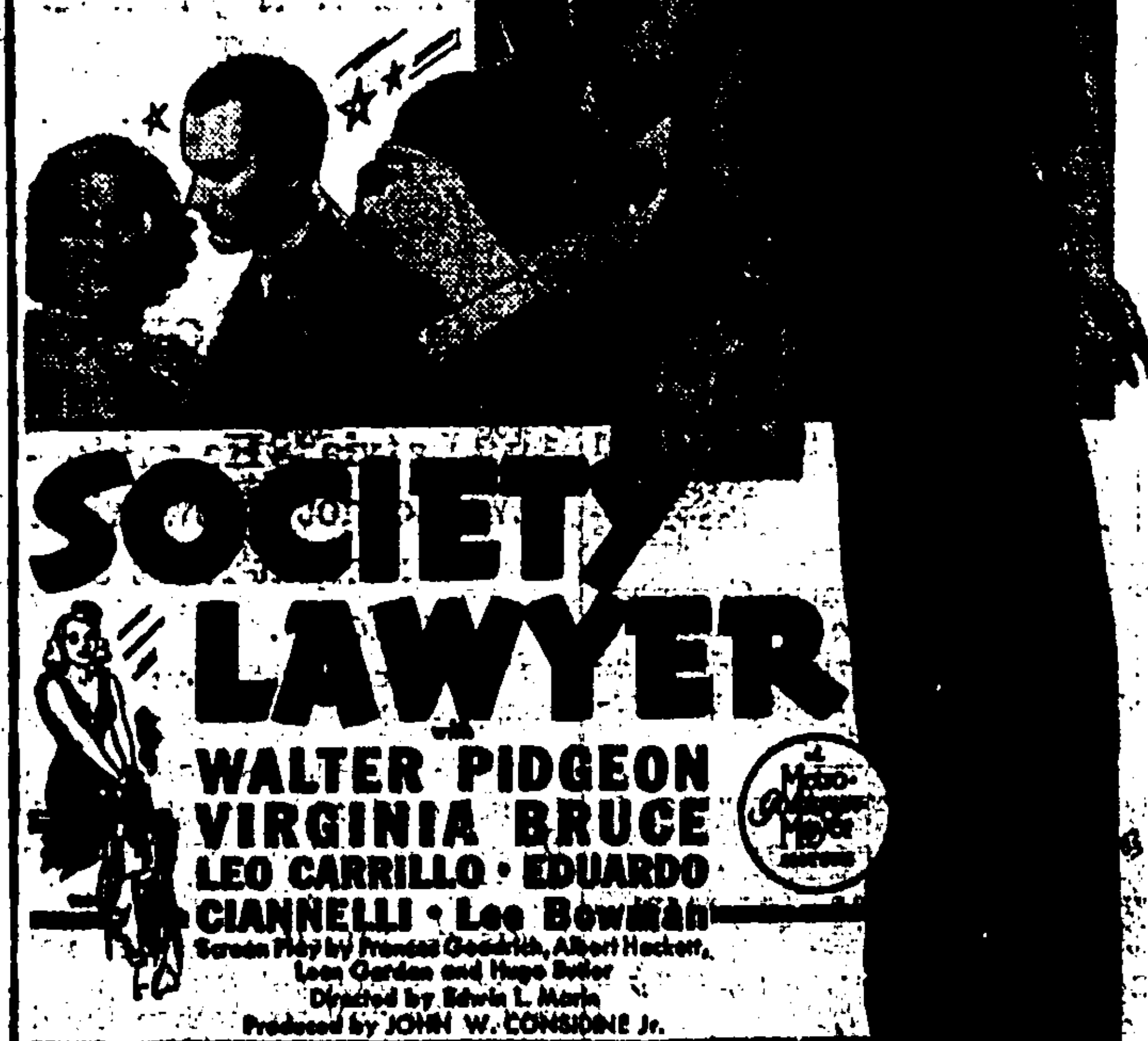
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BATTLE STILL RAGING

Finnish Counter-Attacks In Karelian Isthmus

NO LET-UP IN THE SOVIET PRESSURE

Helsinki, To-day.

YESTERDAY'S FINNISH communique stated that the Russian attacks continued during Monday with undiminished force in the Summa sector. At Muolaajarvi, Punnus and Taipale the attacks were driven back and the Finnish troops undertook numerous successful counter-attacks, in which at least 23 tanks were put of action. The fighting continues.

North of Lake Ladoga all the Russian attacks have been driven back and at Pitkaranta the greater part of an enemy column of 100 vehicles was destroyed.

During Monday the Finnish air forces participated in air combats, and in addition carried out reconnaissance flights, besides bombing enemy columns and bases.

In the war zone the enemy concentrated air activity on the front line and its immediate vicinity over the Isthmus and north of Lake Ladoga.

Finnish fighters and anti-aircraft artillery shot down four enemy machines, according to confirmed reports, while in addition there were a number of unconfirmed cases. — Reuter.

INCREASED INTENSITY

Helsinki, To-day.

Yesterday was the 12th day of the Soviet attack on the Mannerheim Line, and the increased intensity shows that the Soviets have received reinforcements and are relying on pressure of tanks, guns and infantry to overwhelm the Finns through exhaustion.

The Soviets claim to have captured 32 defence forts in the Karelian Isthmus; this is denied by the Finns.

In the far North, heavy snow has held up operations, but Soviet planes have bombed Finnish positions. — Reuter.

CHINESE ART ON FANS

An Exhibition of Chinese Art on Fans will be held, under the auspices of the Chinese Society of Hong Kong University, at the Fung Ping Shan Library, from Thursday to Saturday, daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A collection of over 600 masterpieces treasured by prominent collectors, will be displayed. Many of the masters of the brush of the Sung and the Yuan Dynasties are represented, but most of pieces are of the Ming and the Ching Dynasties.

General Ho Lok, former Commander of the Police Force in Canton, a well-known collector, will conduct the opening ceremony at 11 a.m. to-morrow.

FINNISH ATHLETES IN NEW YORK — NURMI MUCH ALIVE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.

A tremendous welcome was given the Finnish athletes, Paavo Nurmi and Taisto Maki, when they appeared at an athletic meeting for the benefit of the Finnish Relief Fund here yesterday.

Nurmi, a former Olympic long-distance runner, who was clad in the uniform of a Finnish infantryman, was given a tremendous ovation.

The crowd rose while the orchestra played the Finnish anthem. — Havas.

MR. WELLES' AIDES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

Only two men, Mr. Jay P. Moffat, Head of the European section of the State Department, and Mr. Lucius Johnson, Third Secretary of the American Embassy in Panama, are accompanying Mr. Sumner Welles on his trip to Europe.

Mr. Johnson is acting in the capacity of Private Secretary. — Havas.

BRITISH ATTITUDE TO WELLES' TOUR

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, referred in the House of Commons yesterday to the forthcoming visit of Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State.

Mr. Chamberlain said the British Government for their part would be ready to welcome President Roosevelt's representative and take him fully into their confidence, with the object of assisting President Roosevelt to form an estimate of the present situation. — Reuter.

CRYPTIC BROADCAST BY PREMIER OF LATVIA

Riga, To-day.

A GOOD DEAL OF INTEREST has been aroused by a weekend broadcast by the President and Prime Minister of Latvia. He said:—

"We do not know what is in store for us. When the time comes, at least one man in each home will have to don uniform."

"Everyone must have his equipment ready."

Those unable for financial reasons to get equipment must be helped by those who had money. He continued:—

"If the situation were not very grave I would not touch on such matters. We will strengthen the defences of our country, but the population must be ready to make great sacrifices in the near future."

"It will also be wise for all to put aside such pleasures of food and food to last a year."

In some quarters, it was felt that this broadcast was evidence of Soviet pressure, but the Latvian Minister denies this. He said:—

"We have had no difficulties at all with the Russians since the October pact of mutual assistance."

SWEDEN BUYS U.S. FIGHTERS

Washington, To-day.

It is authoritatively reported that the Swedish purchasing mission has contracted for 144 Vultee planes which are reputed to be capable of a speed exceeding 400 miles an hour.

Cost of the order is approximately \$10,000,000. — Reuter.

R.A.F. FLIGHT OVER GERMANY

PARIS, TO-DAY.

DESPITE THE NEW COLD WAVE WHICH HAS DESCENDED ON THE WESTERN FRONT BRITISH PLANES MADE A LONG RECONNOITRING FLIGHT OVER NORTH-WEST GERMANY AND RETURNED SAFELY ALTHOUGH ATTACKED BY GERMAN FIGHTERS, IT WAS STATED HERE.

On the front itself the thermometer has fallen to only eight degrees above zero, Fahrenheit, and all activities are at a standstill except for patrolling and reconnaissance flights.

The French have also made one such flight and a number of sorties have been made by their fighter machines.

One solitary German plane toured over northern France. — Reuter.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETER

London, To-day.

The Stock Exchange was quieter yesterday; home rails met with profit-taking and industrials were irregular.

Gilt-edged securities occasionally improved, while Kafirs were weak on small Cape sales.

Wall Street was irregularly higher. — Reuter.

GERMANS WITH SOVIET FORCES

London, To-day.

Professor Tancréd Sorenus, the noted professor, says that skilled German officers are now with the Soviet forces.

He continues:— "We have reason to expect before long a German expeditionary force in the South of France. We must expect a stab in the back exactly as in the case of Poland."

LATVIANS WILL NEVER RETREAT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") RIGA, TO-DAY.

THE FOREIGN MINISTER, M. MUNTERS, IN A SPEECH AT RIGA UNIVERSITY YESTERDAY, FORMALLY DENIED FOREIGN REPORTS OF THE SOVIETISATION OF LATVIA SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE SOVIET-LATVIAN MUTUAL ASSISTANCE PACT OF OCTOBER 5, 1939.

M. Munters stressed that the stationing of Soviet garrisons in Latvia had not brought the slightest complication, and Soviet-Latvian relations were very satisfactory.

"Greater trials may yet be imposed but the free Latvian people will never retreat from their present position," he declared. — Havas.

NO SOVIET TRADE WITH BRITAIN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

SIR ANDREW DUNCAN REPLIED TO QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAPACITY OF PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF TRADE.

He was asked what was the extent at present of Britain's trade with Soviet Russia.

He replied that the publication of details of trade with particular countries was suspended at the beginning of the war.

In connection with the agreement last October for the exchange of rubber and tin against Soviet timber, it had not been found possible to carry out this exchange. — Reuter.

ANOTHER N.Z. CONTINGENT NEAR READY

WELLINGTON, TO-DAY.

WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE LANDING OF THE AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND TROOPS, THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTER OF DEFENCE WAS ANNOUNCING THAT A SECOND NEW ZEALAND CONTINGENT FOR OVERSEAS WAS ONLY 733 MEN SHORT OF FULL STRENGTH.

He declared that within a week sufficient men should be available to form a third contingent. The response to the call had been excellent.

The New Zealand Government, he said, was trying to get reinforcements ready some months ahead of requirements. A National Recruiting Committee is, therefore, being formed. — Reuter.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT.

San Francisco, To-day.

Except for the despatches from abroad, Canadian citizens would not even know that a war was on, two officials of Trans-Canada Air Lines told the press on their arrival yesterday.

The Canadians themselves, however, they added, are 100 per cent behind the Mother Country. — Reuter.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone has increased moderately in intensity, pressure being highest over the Yangtze Valley. The depression is situated between Tokyo and Shanghai, moving north-eastward.

BRITAIN AND U.S. MAY SWAP SHIPPING ROUTES

Washington, To-day.

MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY, U.S. Ambassador to Britain, states he is returning to London with a proposal to swap certain British and American shipping routes, which would result in putting idle United States ships to work.

After a conference with Secretary of State Cordell Hull, Mr. Kennedy declared he hoped to induce the British to turn over to the United States certain routes now operated solely by British ships which were already being removed from the routes in order to carry war materials by other routes.

ROOSEVELT TO CRUISE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Washington, To-day.

It is understood that President Roosevelt is shortly leaving for a cruise in the Caribbean and the Gulf of Mexico.

He has had a busy time of late, conferring lengthily with Mr. Joseph Kennedy, U.S. Ambassador in London, and Mr. William Bullitt, American Envoy to France.—Havas.

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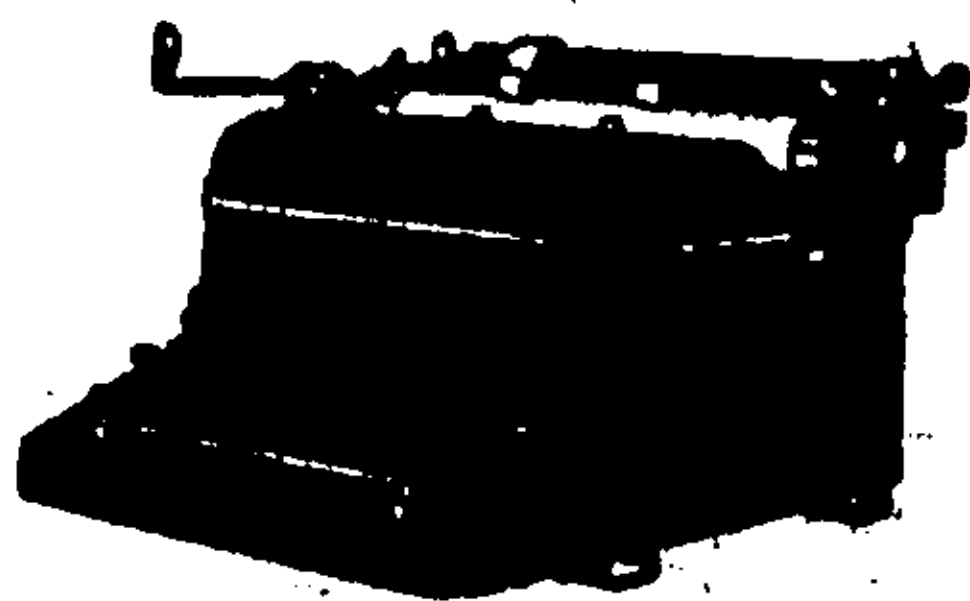
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Mr. Kennedy said that possibilities for increased exports of United States lumber to Britain were connected with the plan.

Mr. Kennedy is leaving on board the s.s. Manhattan on February 24. He is going first to Italy and France, and hopes to be in London when Mr. Sumner Welles arrives there.—Reuter.

NEUTRALITY ACT NOT FOR CHINA WAR

Washington, To-day.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, expressed the State Department's disapproval of the resolution to invoke the Neutrality Act in the undeclared war between Japan and China, according to Senator Key Pittman.

Senator Pittman told press representatives yesterday that the Senate Foreign Relations committee would probably consider Mr. Cordell Hull's opinion as also reflecting the State Department's views on the undeclared Russo-Finnish war.

Senator Pittman declined to make public the contents of the letter in which Mr. Cordell Hull had outlined his views but said Mr. Hull apparently felt that United States peace and security were not directly involved in either conflict.—Reuter.

KENNEDY FOR PRESIDENT?

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY, U.S. AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, TOLD NEWSPAPER MEN YESTERDAY THAT HE WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT LATER AS TO WHETHER HE WOULD PERMIT THE USE OF HIS NAME IN THE MASSACHUSETTS PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON MAY 30.

Nomination papers for the delegates to the National Convention, who would be pledged to Mr. Kennedy, have been taken out by attorney John McCarthy, according to a Boston telegram.

Mr. McCarthy said Mr. Kennedy would file the necessary authorisation to enter his name before the final date on March 5.—Reuter.

INCREASED METAL PRICES

London, To-day.

The Ministry of Supply announces increases ranging from £2 to £4 for copper and £1 to £2 for lead and spelter in the maximum prices of non-ferrous metals.—Reuter.

SIEGFRIED LINE LENGTHENED

It is learned that the Siegfried Line is undergoing an extension eastwards from its southern extremity along the Rhine as far as Lake Constance.

The extension means that Germany's so-called Western Wall will be lengthened by about 100 miles, along the Swiss frontier from Basle, where it ended, to Lake Constance.

The Line already runs along 125 miles of the Rhine, from Karlsruhe to Basle.

GENERAL WARNS AMERICANS—

A warning to Americans that they should hold themselves ready to join the Allies if intervention appeared necessary to prevent a German victory was uttered by Major-Gen. John O'Ryan at a dinner of the National Republican Club in New York.

The speaker, who commanded the 27th Division in the last war, admitted that American participation would be "a calamity to us, our children, and our grandchildren."

He declared, however, that the "simple question is: Shall we act now or await an outcome which may conceivably render us ineffective both in the moral and material sense?"

Major-Gen. O'Ryan declared that the Allies were acting as a "self-constituted international police force to stop in its course an aggression against the peace and security of the world."

U.S. HIGH-GRADE PETROL EXPORTS

New York, To-day.

Exports from the United States for high grade aviation spirit in the last quarter of 1939 were 15 per cent lower than in the corresponding 1938 figure.

Exports to Russia, which stopped at the beginning of December, had not been resumed by the beginning of February and the expected heavy demand from the belligerents has not materialised.—Reuter.

CZECHS UNDER NAZI HEEL

New York, To-day.

Further evidence of the way minorities are suffering under the Nazi heel is provided by an article in the "New York Times."

So much food has been taken from Bohemia and Moravia, it says, that there is now not enough wheat and rye remaining to provide food for the population.

Stark hunger is their prospect.

Farmers are selling livestock because there is no food-stock. Nevertheless, the Prague Cabinet has been ordered to provide 100,000 hogs by the spring—although there is no food to feed them.

The production of butter and fats is only 12 per cent. of normal. Nevertheless, the margarine factories must continue to ship definite amounts, all carefully wrapped in Russian paper to bolster up the courage of the German consumer.—Reuter.

CRY FOR A MORAL EMBARGO

Washington, To-day.

A cry for a moral embargo against Japan has been raised by Senator Morris.

It is generally thought, however, that in the most vital aspect, namely oil, this is inapplicable.

War material exporters must obtain State Department licences, and when moral pressure can be applied, but the oil companies do not require licences, and hence it is difficult to apply pressure there.

Moreover it is reported that there is not the same unanimity between the oil companies as regards sales to Japan as exists among aircraft manufacturers.

Present indications are that the Senate will proceed cautiously in dealing with proposals for an official Government embargo against Japan.—Reuter.

OFF THE RECORD

By Ed Reed



"Oh Mamel! Guess what the little darling's doing now!"

Here's Luck

EWO BEER

Netherlands Anger At Sinkings By The U-Boats

SERIOUS VIEW TAKEN OF LATEST OUTRAGE

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.
IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT WILL SHORTLY PROTEST IN BERLIN AT THE TORPEDOING OF THE DUTCH FREIGHTER ARENSKERK.

A most serious view is taken in official quarters regarding reports of the torpedoing of the Burgerdijk hitherto received, and it is considered that if the reports are verified, the sinking of the Burgerdijk was a most flagrant violation of the rights of neutral shipping yet committed.

A very strong protest is to be expected.

Neutral inquirers were told in Berlin yesterday that the Burgerdijk was presumably sunk because she had contraband on board.

So far apparently no report has been received from the German submarine captain but Nazi circles declare that contraband would be the only reason that could make him torpedo a neutral vessel.

DISGUST AND INDIGNATION

The parliamentary correspondent of the "Telegraaf" writes: "Our people feel nothing but disgust and indignation at such a piracy and the Government knows in advance that it has the whole nation behind it if it makes clear at the proper time and place and with the proper emphasis that Holland does not wish to be threatened with want and hunger through the illegal and unreasonable action of one of the parties in the war." — Reuter.

Norwegian Motorship Blown Up

Oslo, To-day.
The Norwegian motorship Snestad (4,000 tons) sank on Sunday following an explosion caused either by a mine or torpedo.

The vessel was bound for America in ballast. All the crew were saved. — Reuter.

ALLIED COHESION

PARIS, TO-DAY.
CONTACT BETWEEN FRENCH AND BRITISH INDUSTRIALISTS IS ABOUT TO BE EFFECTED SO THAT THE INDUSTRIES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES MAY BE COMPLEMENTARY AND NOT COMPETITIVE IN WARTIME.

First meeting has been provisionally fixed for March 3 in London, and is intended for preliminary investigation of the possibilities of co-ordinating Franco-British production, first, during the war, and, secondly, after the war.

French industry will be represented by a delegation of the Confederation of Employers. — Reuter.

BUDDHIST RAILWAY DISASTER CEREMONY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Hanoi, To-day.
A Buddhist ceremony was celebrated at the Quang Ngai yesterday to commemorate the Ammitas killed in the Yunnan railway bombing on February 1.

General Catroux, Governor-General of Indo-China, and M. Bodin, manager of the Indo-China-Yunnan Railway, attended. — Havas.

RUMANIAN CONTROL BOARDS

LONDON, TO-DAY.
ACCORDING TO THE RUMANIAN LEGATION IN LONDON A CONTROL BOARD TO COVER PRODUCTION AND HOME CONSUMPTION OF EXPORTS OF ALL KINDS IS TO BE SET UP BY THE RUMANIAN GOVERNMENT.

Institution of the board will form part of the general scheme to control all Rumania's natural resources, with a view to conserving supplies necessary to the country.

Control boards will be set up later to deal with foodstuffs, timber and other materials. — Reuter.

312 M.P.H. BOMBER

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.
A GIANT NEW AMERICAN BOMBER HAS COMPLETED TRIALS AT SAN DIEGO REACHING A SPEED OF OVER 312 MILES PER HOUR, WITH A RANGE OF OVER 3,100 MILES CARRYING FOUR TONS OF BOMBS.

THE CRAFT WAS BUILT BY CONSOLIDATED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION AND IS POWERED BY FOUR PRATT WHITNEY 18-CYLINDER ENGINES OF 1,200 HORSE-POWER EACH. — HAVAS.

NEUTRALS AS WHOLE VERY BITTER

London, To-day.

NEUTRAL COMMENT IS increasingly bitter about the Nazi campaign against shipping.

There is bitter comment in Scandinavia and the Swedish papers emphasize Mr. Chamberlain's statement that not one neutral ship has been sunk by the Allies.

The Netherlands press is also bitter, and Dutch indignation has been increased by the torpedoing of the 6,850-ton Holland-America liner Burgerdijk.

Yesterday, Holland learned from Berlin that the torpedoing of the ship was "a legal act." Actually, however, Amsterdam messages say that the ship was bound for New York to Holland, with a cargo nine-tenths of which was for the Netherlands Government and the remainder for Dutch importers. There is nothing to show

MONEY FOR U.S. DEFENCE

Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt yesterday signed the Bill appropriating \$252,000,000 (about £63,000,000) for national defence and enforcement of the United States neutrality policy.
The money becomes immediately available for expenditure before the end of June next. — Reuter.

SWEDISH STEAMER SUNK

London, To-day.
The Swedish steamer Dalara (3,927 tons) sank in the Atlantic early on Monday. The crew of 26 were rescued by a Belgian trawler, which made for an Irish port.

The captain died soon after rescue.

It is not known whether the Dalara was mined or torpedoed. — Reuter.

MR. KENNEDY NOW IN WASHINGTON

Washington, To-day.
Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy, American Ambassador to London, arrived here yesterday by aeroplane from Florida for important conferences with Government officials on the international situation.

It is reported that he will also confer with Mr. Sumner Welles and Mr. William Bullitt, U.S. Ambassador to Paris. — Reuter.

BRITISH PURCHASES IN TURKEY

Istanbul, To-day.
British representatives of the Ministry of Supply are now in Ankara and have concluded a contract for the purchase of nearly 6,000 tons of dried raisins and figs.

Other British delegates have contracted for the purchase of nearly £1,000,000 of tobacco annually. These amounts may be substantially increased. — Reuter.

GOEBBELS DEFENDS SEA MURDERS

Berlin, To-day.

In a broadcast last night, Dr. Goebbels defended the unrestricted warfare on shipping using British ports.

"Any ship, whatever its nationality, touching at an Allied port is automatically rendering itself liable to be sunk without warning," said the German Propaganda Minister.

He issued a further warning to neutrals concerning the maintenance of neutrality, according to the German interpretation, and said that press attacks on Germany or German leaders would be considered an un-neutral act.

The statement is deemed significant in view of the high feeling roused in Holland by the latest German outrage against Dutch shipping. — Reuter.

U.S. AIR DEFENCES IN ALASKA

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

TWO NEW, LARGE AERODROMES ARE TO BE BUILT IN ALASKA, STRENGTHENING AMERICA'S DEFENCES THERE. THEY WILL HELP TO MAKE IT MORE IMPREGNABLE TO FOREIGN ATTACK, BESIDES PROVIDING IMPORTANT DATA ON MILITARY AVIATION IN SUB-ARCTIC CLIMATES.

The first base, north of the anchorage, will be 1,000 acres in area and will include hangars, sheds, hospitals, work-shops and so on. Money for this has already been set aside.

The other air base will be south of the anchorage and will be 1,400 acres in area. No appropriation for this has yet been made. — Reuter.

NEW YORK SENSATION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

New York, To-day.
As the result of an investigation by the head of the New York police, it has been discovered that at least 1,000 of New York's 18,000 police officers are or were members of the so-called Christian Front, the anti-Semitic semi-Fascist organisation. — Havas.

TO FOLLOW FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS?

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, To-day.
The Duke of Devonshire, the Under-Secretary of State for Dominions Affairs, is mentioned as the probable next Governor-General of Canada. His father, who died in 1938, was Governor-General of Canada from 1916 to 1921. — Havas.

Arrested after snatching a handbag in Nga Tin Wai Road yesterday, Cheung Luk-kwai, 31, native of Shanghai, was this morning sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsforth.

Twenty-Eight Hours In An Open Boat U-BOAT FRIGHTFULNESS

CONVERSION LOAN RESULT

London, To-day.
In the House of Commons, announcing the results of the Conversion Loan, Sir John Simon said that the applications for conversion amounted to £236,000,000 and for repayment to £99,000,000. Thus the total proportion to be converted exceeded two-thirds of the whole.

The Chancellor added that he regarded the results as satisfactory.—Reuter.

BRAZEN NAZI TRICK FRUSTRATED

London, To-day.

The Turkish Government is reported to have thwarted a brazen German attempt to steal a Turkish submarine, states "The Times" Balkan correspondent.

Last week-end, Turkish Marines occupied part of the shipyards in the Golden Horn, where Krupps were assembling two submarines for the Turkish Government. Both submarines have already been launched and would have been completed some time ago, but for the outbreak of war.

NAZI PLAN

When one was nearly ready, some twenty more German specialists arrived from Germany, ostensibly for the trials. No ulterior motive seems to have occurred to the Turks, until the Germans suggested, as recent first trials had been known to end in disaster, that it would be better if the vessel was manned by a purely German crew. This aroused suspicions, which rapidly increased when stores, far in excess of those needed for trials, were demanded.

REPORT TO ANKARA

A report was hurried to Ankara and the occupation of the shipyards resulted. It is believed in Istanbul that the German plan was to steal the submarine and make off either to a Bulgarian or Soviet port and there await Berlin's instructions.—Reuter.

DEATH OF MR. P. M. HODGSON

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death, which took place at the War Memorial Nursing Home this morning, of Mr. P. M. Hodgson, partner in the law firm of Ts'o and Hodgson.

The late Mr. Hodgson, who was among the Colony's oldest foreign residents, was 60 years of age. He was a familiar figure to scores of friends and was a prominent member of the Hong Kong Cricket Club.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5 p.m. to-day.

CANADA'S OUTPUT OF ANTIMONY

London, To-day.

Since the outbreak of war production of antimony in Canada has been speeded up and it is estimated that between 50 and 75 tons are now arriving in the United Kingdom every month.

According to market circles the antimony is of good quality, averaging up to 99.8 per cent., for which the current quotation is £95 c.i.f. United Kingdom.—Reuter.

TRAWLER SHELLED AND SUNK FROM 500 YARDS

London, To-day.

AFTER 28 HOURS IN AN open boat eleven of the crew of the British trawler Togimo, all suffering from exposure and three of them seriously wounded, were landed on the south-east coast of Eire yesterday.

The trawler was sunk by a U-boat which shelled them, killing one of the crew.

Before the Spanish steamer Monte Navajo rescued them they had to exist upon a ration of one biscuit and a few spoonfuls of water.

Capt. James Gale, who won the D.S.O. in the last war, stated he was on watch on Sunday morning when a shot from the U-boat, 500 yards away, startled him.

The trawler extinguished all lights and attempted to dash to safety but the next shot hit the charthouse, close to where the captain was standing, and set it on fire.

Twenty more shots were fired, putting the engines and dynamo out of action and damaging the steering.

As the trawler began to sink orders were given to man the boat.

IRISHMAN KILLED

An Irishman named Price was coming up the ladder to the deck when a shell burst killed him and wounded his companion. Another of the crew was badly wounded and was carried to the lifeboat by his comrades. Another shot then carried away the wheelhouse.

There was hardly room to move in the lifeboat and they had to bail constantly. All were exhausted from exposure and hunger when picked up by the Monte Navajo.—Reuter.

THANKS TO MR. EDEN

LONDON, TO-DAY.

MR.-ANTHONY EDEN HAS RECEIVED A TELEGRAM FROM THE PRIME MINISTER OF AUSTRALIA EXPRESSING GREAT APPRECIATION OF HIS ACTION IN PROCEEDING TO EGYPT TO WELCOME THE AUSTRALIAN TROOPS.

In a telegram to the same purport, the Deputy Prime Minister of New Zealand assured Mr. Eden that his action would be "most warmly appreciated by the New Zealand troops and by the public of New Zealand generally."

Mr. Eden, replying to the expression of gratitude, said he was "delighted to see the New Zealand troops looking splendidly fit and well and in the best spirits. New Zealand may indeed be proud of this fine force."—British Wireless.

U-BOAT PRISONERS IN ENGLAND

London, To-day.

The War Office announces a further list of eight U-boat personnel who are now prisoners of war in Britain.—British Wireless.

MINISTER TO FINLAND

London, To-day.

The King yesterday received Mr. G. M. Vereker on his appointment as British Minister to Finland.—British Wireless.

ALLIES TRADE PACT WITH BELGIUM

Brussels, To-day.

Negotiations which have been proceeding for several weeks in London and Paris for a new trade agreement between Belgium and Britain and France have now been successfully concluded.—Reuter.

CLASH ON FRONTIER

New Delhi, To-day.

A British officer and an Indian sepoy were killed and five sepoys wounded in a clash between troops and armed tribesmen seven miles north-west of Bannu yesterday.

Fighting took place when the troops were on reconnaissance duty.

All the casualties belonging to the 16th Regiment. The gang is believed to have suffered heavily.—Reuter.

CUT IN U.S. BUDGET

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES HAS SLASHED \$111,000,000 FROM THE ROOSEVELT BUDGET FOR THE NAVY, AND HAS RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS TOTALLING \$996,000,000.

The committee urges that the United States build battleships and cruisers "superior" to those abroad.

The reduction was the largest hitherto made by the committee to any single budget recommendation. The committee, however, contended that the needs of the Fleet could adequately be met by the smaller sum.—Reuter.

SWEDISH SHIP SUNK

LONDON, TO-DAY.

THE UNESCORTED SWEDISH SHIP ORANIA HAS BEEN SUNK WITHOUT WARNING BY A U-BOAT TORPEDO IN THE NORTH SEA. THE VESSEL DISAPPEARED BELOW THE WAVES IN THREE MINUTES.

Her crew of 24 just had time to launch the lifeboats. Ten of them have been picked up by a British warship and landed in Scotland but the Navy is still looking for the captain, his wife and 12 others, who are still missing.—Reuter.

The Orania, of 1,874 tons, was built at Gothenburg in 1919. Registered at Kramfors, she was 262 feet long and owned by the Rederi A/B Frederika (J. Mannerheim, manager).

GERMAN ARRESTED IN MEXICO

Mexico City, To-day.

A prominent German resident in Mexico has been arrested for alleged espionage. He was detained when found photographing a Swedish tanker.—Reuter.



Henry Fonda, in the title role of "Young Mr. Lincoln," riding into Springfield to "take a fling at law," in a scene from the film. The production starts a run at the King's Theatre to-day.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

OUR INDIAN PROBLEM

It is easy to see that Moslems could not agree that the provisions of the Indian Constitution should be decided by a majority vote. That would enable the Hindu community to overrule them on any disputed point. The Congress Working Committee has suggested that matters relating to the minority should be referred to arbitration if an agreement between the representatives of the minority and those of the majority could not be obtained. Evidently there is room for dispute about the questions that would be covered by the phrase "minority rights" and about the composition of the court of arbitration. But it has long been clear that the Congress leaders are ready to go to almost any lengths to secure Moslem agreement, and it seems certain that Moslem representatives might enter the Constituent Assembly without binding themselves beforehand to accept its results. Mr. Gandhi has faith in the educative value of discussions within such an Assembly, and his faith may not be ill-founded. For the Moslems, no less than the Hindus, are impatient of the continuance of British control. They acquiesce in it only because of their jealousy of the Hindus, jealousy which is in the main the unreasoning offspring of past wrongs done and suffered. The better mind of the community would almost certainly choose for the sake of Indian nationalism to run the risk of self-government without any safeguards. But the community is ill-educated, and therefore faction-ridden, and its better mind gets little chance of showing itself as each Moslem leader is in danger of being outbid by the head of a rival faction if he does not champion the extremist demands on behalf of the community. — "Manchester Guardian."

THREAT TO HOLLAND

Smashing blows at the reservoir of immense resources of men and munitions might be thought necessary for a successful onslaught on the Western Wall. Had Holland been subservient to Nazi threats, such a plan would have had much to commend itself. But as it is, Holland may be overrun to make the way easier for the conquest of Belgium and an ultimate advance against the Allied line. The moral issues do not, of course, enter into Nazi calculations at all. But the conversion of Holland from a neutral into an Allied Power will have far-reaching effects on the course and issue of the war. — "Ceylon Observer."

WHOSE BLOOD?

At moments it seems that even to affront the Fuehrer with an "aber"—even to say "but" to the Fuehrer—may mean that you vanish, not only from Adolf's presence, but from this life. So the blood flows on.

And this may be the blood spoken of in Father Stalin's Santa Moloch message to Fuehrer Hitler.

The message says that "the friendship of the peoples of Germany and of the Soviet Union has been cemented by blood."

Quite true! Joe greatly admired the famous Hitler purge of June 30, 1934. Joe imitated it in Moscow.

This, we suppose, is the blood that "cements" the two—the blood of Russians and Germans purged by two Dictators. To which, later, was added the blood of Poland. — "Daily Mirror," London.

MILITARY RESERVES OF AUSTRALIA

From a total population of 4,940,952 in 1914, we were able to maintain, besides our troops in Palestine, five full divisions in the field in France, as one of the most efficient fighting forces the world has seen. With our increased population, the greater degree of agricultural and industrial organisation, we have to-day a potential of 580,000 available for service whenever and wherever they are most required. In 1914 we were dependent on Generals from the British Army for the senior commands of the Australian Forces. By 1918 every Australian formation was commanded by an Australian General. At the out-break of this war there are available in Australia senior military officers who have had wide experience in command of large formations and who have been tried in the only real testing ground of the soldier — the battlefield. — "Melbourne Argus."

PRELUDE TO UNION?

Already the probability is being discussed of further domestic adjustments in both countries to harmonise their economies. For example, if mal-adjustments between the internal systems of the two countries are to be avoided, Britain may have to do more to control prices and wages, as the French are doing. This would not represent social progress in the truest sense of that term, which should imply increasing liberation of economic forces and individual initiative from government control. But the experience of two great peoples with a type of international co-operation which may actually have to precede mere political leagues or unions should bring to the world a new understanding of the usefulness and the possibility, as well as a technique for avoiding the pitfalls, of increased world organisation. — "Christian Science Monitor, Boston."

IF SOUTH AFRICA HAD BEEN NEUTRAL

It has been shown that the shipping of neutral countries has run as great, if not greater hazard than that of the belligerents. By allying herself with Britain South Africa has obtained guaranteed markets for her products and has secured full naval protection not only for her own shores but for her vital import and export trade. Neutrality would merely have given us concern for our markets and gravely endangered the whole economic structure of the country. — "National Mercury."

THE BALKANS

A firm bloc of the Balkan States, backed by Italian power, would be the best safeguard of their future, for it must be apparent that should Germany find an outlet on the Black Sea, at the expense of Rumania, the rest of the Balkan States would be doomed if the Reich emerged from this present war victorious. It is equally apparent that the best chance of Germany proving successful in this matter is for the Balkan States to remain divided, to be picked off piecemeal when it suited Herr Hitler's time. The fact is that a strong Entente, despite Italian-Turkish jealousies, is the best for the Balkans, and for both Italy and Turkey, and may save them a lot of trouble in the future. — "North China Daily News," Shanghai.

NO PATCHED-UP PEACE

No patched-up peace or compromise can assure the world enduring peace. The urgent war aim is victory, followed by world security, the abandonment of armaments competition, and prosperity, in which Germany would share. — Mr. R. G. Menzies, Prime Minister of Australia.

Desperate Blockade Challenge Decision NAZI SHIPS TO RUN (OR SCUTTLE)

LONDON, TO-DAY.

ACCORDING TO THE "EVENING NEWS" A CABLE HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE CITY OF LONDON TO THE EFFECT THAT SIX GERMAN SHIPS QUITTED THE SPANISH PORT OF VIGO UNDER DARKNESS ON SATURDAY NIGHT IN AN ATTEMPT TO RUN THE BRITISH BLOCKADE.

Three others have left Brazilian ports in addition to the Wakama, making a total of 10.

The newspaper says the German vessels, which have been sheltering in neutral ports since the beginning of the war, received orders to attempt to return home, or scuttle themselves, if necessary.

CHINESE RETAKE PINGYANG

Chungking, To-day.

It is officially announced that the Chinese forces have recaptured the important town of Pingyang, north-east of Nanning, in south Kwang-si.

The Chinese on February 11 launched a strong attack on the Japanese forces holding the town, and after an all-day battle the Chinese forces occupied the town, inflicting 5,000 casualties on the Japanese.

The communique says that after three days of irresistible Chinese encircling and outflanking movements the Japanese forces in the Pingyang area are beginning a general withdrawal towards Nanning.—Reuter.

SPEED-UP IN ARMAMENTS INDUSTRY

London, To-day.

Proposals for an intensified effort in the engineering industry, to speed up production of armaments, were handed last night to representatives of the 34 Unions in the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions by Mr. Ernest Brown, the Minister of Labour.

The conference between the Minister and representatives of the Union lasted two and a half hours, and when the proposals have been considered a further conference will be held.—Reuter.

IRAN AND U.S.A.

Washington, To-day.

Iran resumed full diplomatic relations with the United States yesterday when the Iranian Minister, Mohammed Schayesteh, presented his credentials to President Roosevelt.

Mr. Schayesteh was appointed Minister in December following a diplomatic breach lasting two years.

Relations became strained when, following a car accident in which he was involved, the Iranian Minister to the United States was recalled.—Reuter.

The ships which left Vigo are the Wangoni (7,848 tons) Wahehe (4,709 tons); Orizaba (4,354 tons); Arucas (3,369 tons); Rostock (2,542 tons) and Morea (1,927 tons).

Three German ships which left Brazilian ports recently are the Wolfsburg (6,201 tons), La Coruna (7,414 tons) and Koenigsberg (6,406 tons).

From Rio de Janeiro it is reported that when the crew of the Wakama noticed the presence of the cruiser H.M.S. Hawkins they scuttled the ship off the coast of Brazil 13 hours after leaving Rio.

CONTRADICTIONARY REPORTS

Meanwhile, contradictory reports are being circulated in Rio de Janeiro regarding the fate of 43 members of the crew.

Some newspapers state they were saved by Hawkins, while others say they were drowned.

The Wakama was bound for Recife (Pernambuco), carrying a full cargo of 6,000 tons of grain, coffee, lard, leather, minerals and cotton.

She was the last German ship at Rio de Janeiro, where she arrived a week before the outbreak of war.—Reuter.

INTERCEPTED BY PLANE

New York, To-day.

The "New York Times" reports from Rio de Janeiro that some members of the Wakama's crew are aboard H.M.S. Hawkins and others in other British warships.—Reuter.

Havas discloses that the Wakama was not intercepted by a British warship, but ordered to await the arrival of a British warship by a plane of the Fleet Air Arm.

The master immediately proceeded to scuttle the ship.

All The Crew Safe

Rio de Janeiro, To-day.

The crew of the Wakama are safe.

On his arrival here yesterday, Rear-Admiral Harwood told the press that the German liner Wakama was set on fire by her crew when she was intercepted; the crew abandoned ship.

Information was received yesterday morning from H.M.S. Hawkins that she had rescued the crew of 10 officers and 36 men.

Rear-Admiral Harwood states that the Hawkins herself was not involved in the incident.

The Wakama had a cargo worth U.S.\$1,000,000.—Reuter.

SET FIRE TO SHIP

London, To-day.

The Admiralty announce that the Wakama was located by aircraft from British warships in the South Atlantic on Monday.

On being ordered by the aircraft to stop, the German crew set fire to the ship and scuttled her. A British warship later picked up 10 officers and 36 men.—Reuter.

ENEMY ACTIVE IN FRANCE

Paris, To-day.

Last night's French war communique states that east of the Moselle an enemy raid, preceded by trench mortar and artillery preparation, failed completely. There was infantry fire on the Rhine, and also aviation activity.—Reuter.

NAZI ACTION AGAINST THYSSENS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

AMSTERDAM, TO-DAY.

IT IS REPORTED FROM GERMANY THAT THE GERMAN HOME MINISTRY HAS SIGNED A DECREE DEPRIVING DR. FRITZ THYSSEN, AND HIS WIFE, OF GERMAN NATIONALITY.

The Thyssen fortune, amounting to 200,000,000 marks, has been confiscated.

It will be recalled that Dr. Thyssen fled to Switzerland at the beginning of the war but his flight was kept secret since the German authorities feared that it might have an unfavourable effect on German morale, especially in view of the fact that

DUTCH FRONTIER INCIDENT

Amsterdam, To-day.

The Dutch authorities are investigating an incident on the German frontier in which an employee of a Dutch electricity firm is alleged to have been shot at by Germans.

It appears that when he came to read the meters in a few houses on the German side of the frontier which are served by the Dutch electricity company, he was not allowed to cross into the German frontier, and shouted to the house-owners to come and show him their cards.

Fire was opened at him from the German side of the frontier. He put up his hands and waited until some Germans carrying revolvers came across the border and questioned him.

He was able to satisfy them, but the women to whom he had been talking in connexion with reading of the meters were arrested and taken off to the town of Vreden.—Reuter.

Dr. Thyssen actively contributed to Herr Hitler's success in 1933 and was a staunch supporter of the Nazi regime until the spring of 1939.—Havas.

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LABOUR ATTACK ON AGREEMENT WITH RAILWAYS

London, To-day.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS respecting Government control of railways in wartime were debated in the Commons yesterday on the motion of Mr. Herbert Morrison, who declared the national interests would be better served by the establishment of a permanent national transport authority to own and control all forms of inland and coast-wise transport.

In criticising the agreement he referred to the rise in railway stocks since the agreement was mooted, amounting, he said, to £100 millions, and remarked that Government participation in profits only began when they were at a very high level.

He submitted there ought to have been a capital reconstruction of the railway companies to bring their capital structure in closer contact with reality, with particular attention to what would happen after the war on withdrawal of the guarantee.

The Minister of Transport, Captain Euan Wallace, said he did not think anyone would dispute the need for control of Transport in wartime.

The Government must be in a position to direct that the rail system as a whole should be used to the best advantage.

The financial arrangements were all based on the general principle that receipts of controlled undertakings should be pooled.

FOUR STAGES

There were four stages in the financial arrangements — the first that minimum net revenue should be guaranteed by the Government; second, further amount which controlled undertakings might be paid in excess of that minimum; third, profit-sharing on a fifty-fifty basis which extended to the point where each of the controlled undertakings would reach its standard revenue, and, fourth, above that point all additional net earnings accrued to the Exchequer.

ECONOMIC BASIS

It was impossible to forecast what would happen after the war but he was of the opinion that railway charges would find their economic levels as they would during the war in accordance with the agreement.

There was no intention of securing charges during the war beyond the economic level.

The Government intended as far as possible that controlled undertakings should operate upon an economic basis involving adjustments of charges to the variation in working costs, including wage rates, prices of material and other circumstances arising directly out of the war, and including the cost of meeting charges for making good war damage.

It was not possible under the stress of war conditions to retain the jurisdiction of the Railway Rates Tribunal over the general level of charges.

The Government did not intend, however, that the safeguard should be abandoned, and a special department of the Ministry was being set up, to be aided by a distinguished Civil Servant, to deal with the ques-

tion of rates with the advice, if necessary, of the permanent members of the Railway Rates Tribunal, acting in an advisory capacity.

DIFFERENT PROBLEM

The road transport industry from the operational point of view presented an entirely different problem because instead of five large integrated undertakings there were half a million vehicles owned by 200,000 separate individuals.

The Government method was to take the advice of people who had practical knowledge of running the industry and by a characteristically British mixture of voluntary effort and state action they had developed an organisation extremely resilient and every day was becoming more efficient and more ready to deal with the type of emergency that might yet have to be faced.

It was not necessary to own road transport in order to call upon it if the railway broke down in a particular district, and from the operational point of view they were doing as well under the Ministry of Transport scheme as under the one advocated by Mr. Morrison.—British Wireless.

MOTION DEFEATED

Reuter adds that Mr. Herbert Morrison's motion was defeated by 186 votes to 119.

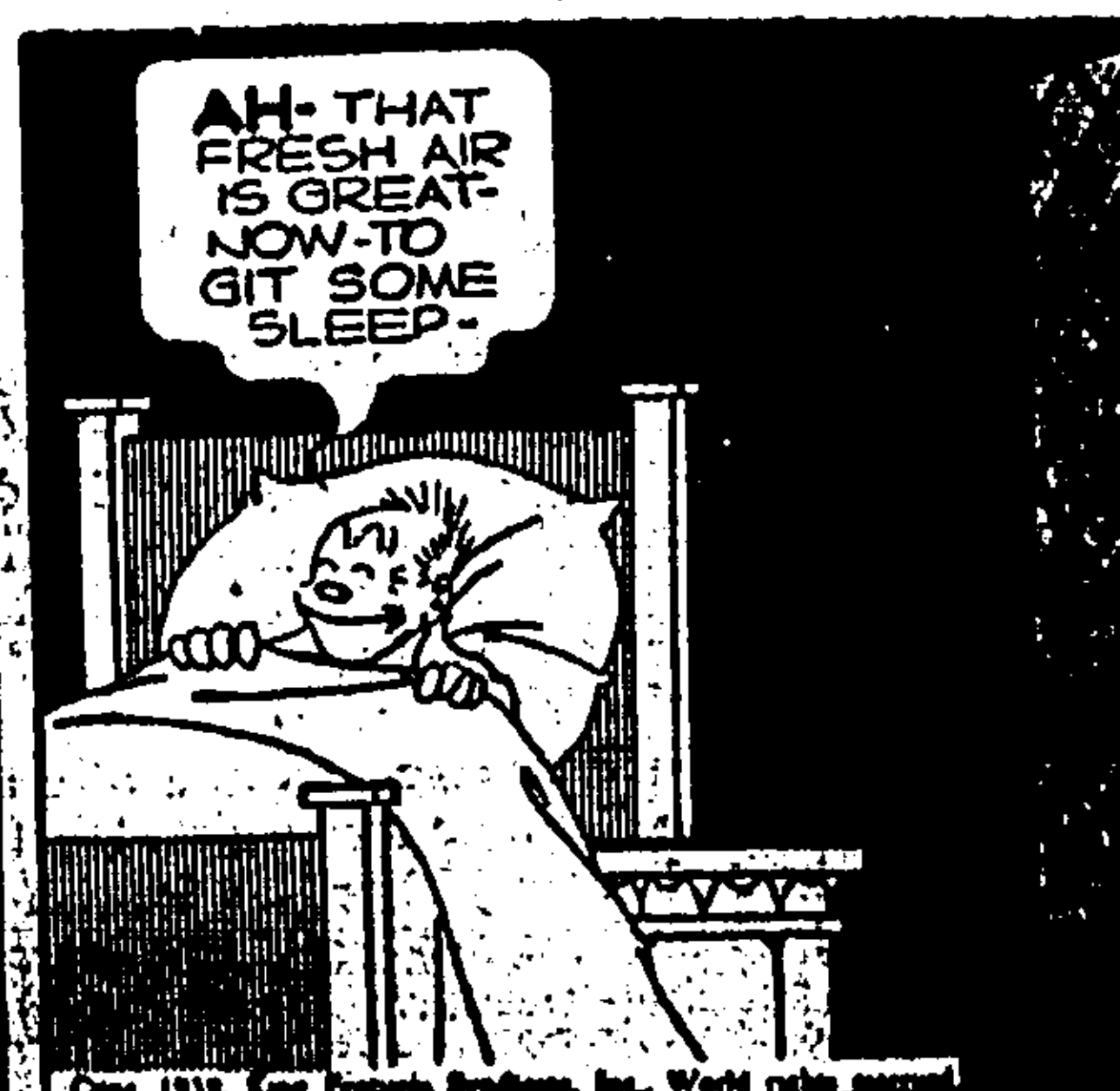
JAPANESE AGAIN BOMB RAILWAY

KWONG CHOW WAN, TO-DAY.
SOME 30 JAPANESE PLANES BOMBED THE YUNNANFU-HANOI LINE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. AIR RAID ALARMS WERE SOUNDED IN MOST OF THE TOWNS IN SOUTHERN YUNNAN INCLUDING KUNMING.

Chinese aircraft were sent out to intercept the invading craft immediately information was received from the coast that Japanese machines were proceeding inland.

Dog-fights occurred near Kailan. Two Japanese bombers were sent crashing in flames, while the other crashing in flames, while the others a hasty return to the coast.—Our Own Correspondent.

Bringing Up Father



By George McManus

AUSTRALIAN TROOPS STATIONED IN PALESTINE

Jerusalem, To-day.

THE TROOPS OF THE Second Australian Imperial Force are now taking up their specified areas in Palestine.

They arrived from Suez, travelling part of the way by special train and completing their journey in a fleet of 'buses. Their camp was prepared for them by a Scottish regiment, which gave them a rousing welcome. — Reuter.

London, To-day.

There is ample evidence that the arrival of the Australian and New Zealand forces in the Middle East has created a great impression, not only at Home but also in the neutral countries.

It is the leading topic of conversation in England and messages from France show that our Allies are equally stirred by this demonstration of solidarity.

"TRUMP CARD"

A headline over the story of the arrival in "Le Journal" is typical of both French and English sentiment:—"A new trump card for victory."

The American papers also give it a great deal of space.

The "New York Herald Tribune" calls it a striking achievement, like that of the transport of the Canadian contingents, but even more spectacular from the technical standpoint.

The "New York Times" comments:—"It is a feat for which the British have every right to be proud; but above all, the British should be proud of their daughter nations in the Pacific, so distant from this war but so well aware of all it means for the continuance of their democratic way of life."

ALL VOLUNTEERS

In Britain, "The Times" emphasizes that every man is a volunteer. Nothing has demonstrated more clearly the unity of the British Commonwealth than the transport of the Canadians, followed so closely by the Australians and New Zealanders.

The "Daily Telegraph" calls the disembarkations two formidable reinforcements to the Allied arms, and palpable evidence of the indestructible unity of the Empire. The paper stresses that it is only because the British Navy has command of the seas that it was possible.

HITLER'S UNDERSTANDING

The "Daily Mail" comments that the fact that free men should hurry from all parts of the world to fight for what they believed in was something Hitler cannot comprehend—but he will soon understand its meaning.

The question: Why this assembly in the Middle East? Is the subject of some articles in the press. The papers point out that the Suez Canal is still, in some ways, a jugular vein of the Empire, and also that the Allies have given guarantees to small nations in the Balkans and Turkey is now our friend.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that the Middle East has become for Britain and France a wide defensive or offensive position of great strength. Rumania and Turkey have been threatened by the only two great Powers likely to disturb them, and if this "disturbance" takes place "our duty will be clear."—Reuter.

**Scotties And Diggers
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Jaffa, To-day.

The first contingent of Australian troops has arrived in Palestine after five hours in a troop train.

An unending line of grey buses conveyed the Diggers from a small station, through orange groves, to a white-tented camp prepared by a Scottish regiment, who greeted the newcomers warmly.

"Scotties" and "Diggers" soon fraternised.

Major-General Freyberg, V.C., commanding the New Zealand Expeditionary Force, has cabled the First Lord of the Admiralty in London: "May I send you on this historic day the thanks of all ranks to the gallant ships of the Royal Navy protecting us on our voyage to Egypt."

Mr. Winston Churchill replied that the Royal Navy was proud to carry the famous Anzacs once again across the ocean.

"All your old comrades in the Royal Naval Division rejoice to see you at the head of the New Zealand command."—Reuter.

GREETING TO JAPAN

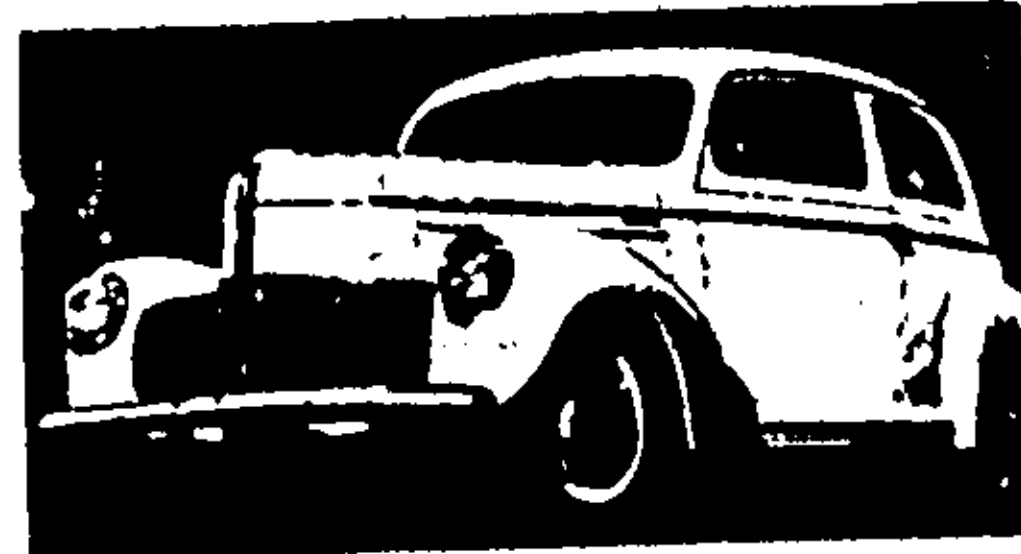
London, To-day.

His Majesty the King has sent the Emperor of Japan a telegram of good wishes for his health and welfare and the prosperity of the Imperial House, on the occasion of the 2,600th anniversary of the founding of the Japanese Empire. — Reuter.

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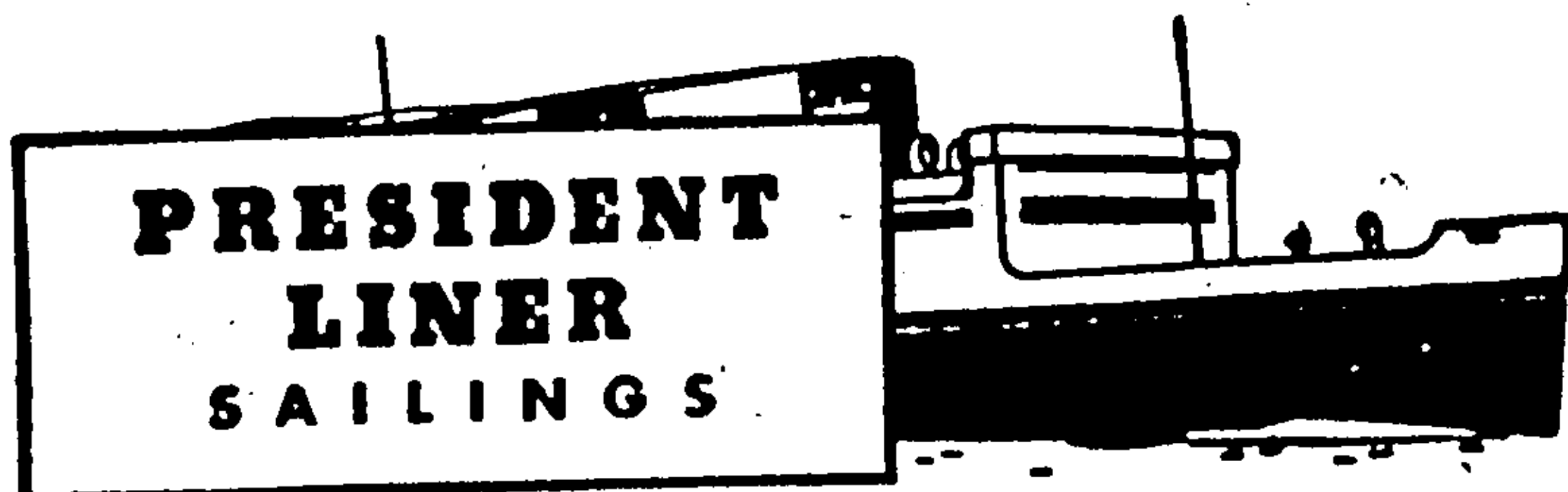
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Haiphong		Feb. 15, 3.00 p.m.
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Amoy		Feb. 16, 8.30 a.m.
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	Ord.,	Feb. 16, 5.30 p.m.
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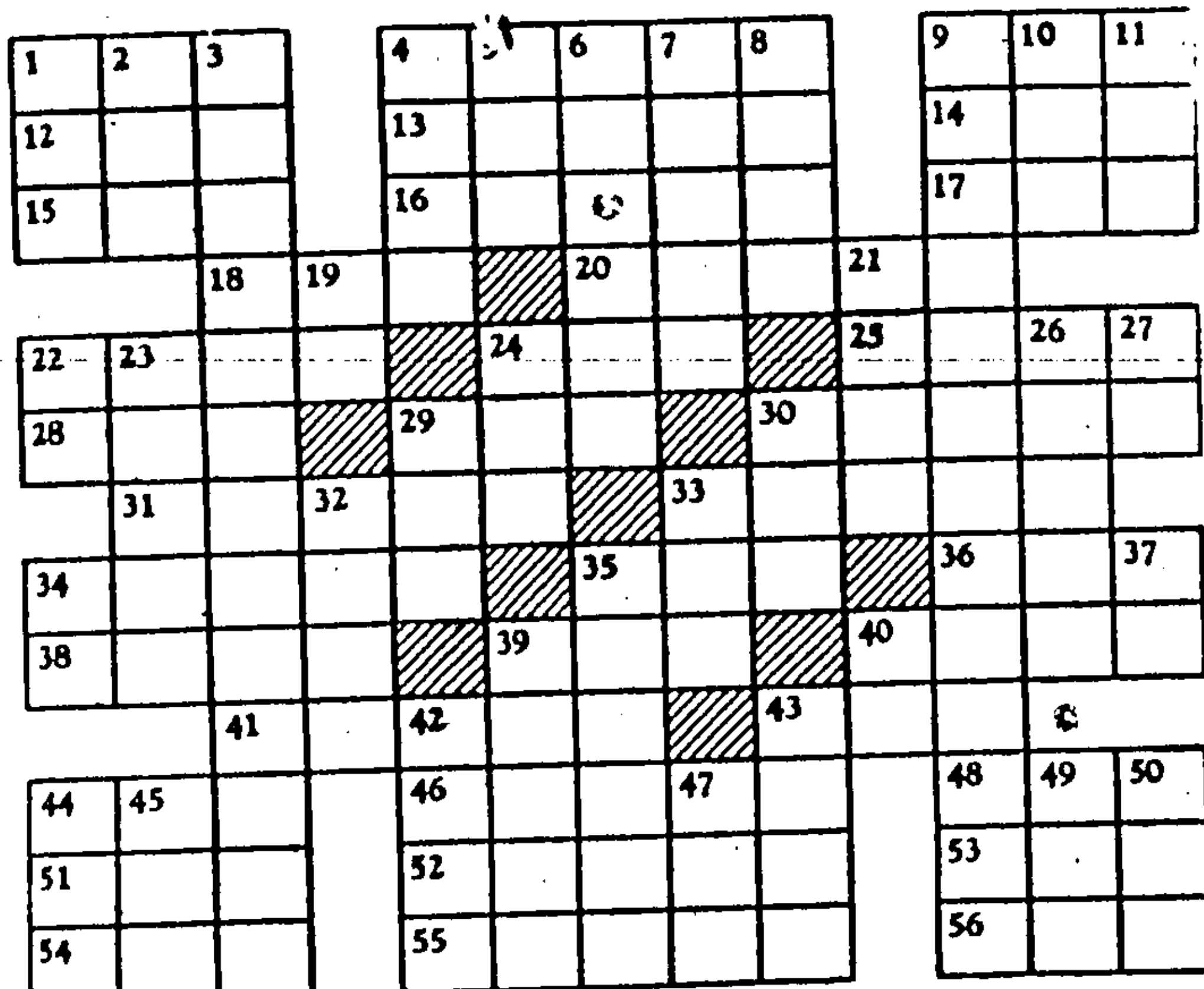
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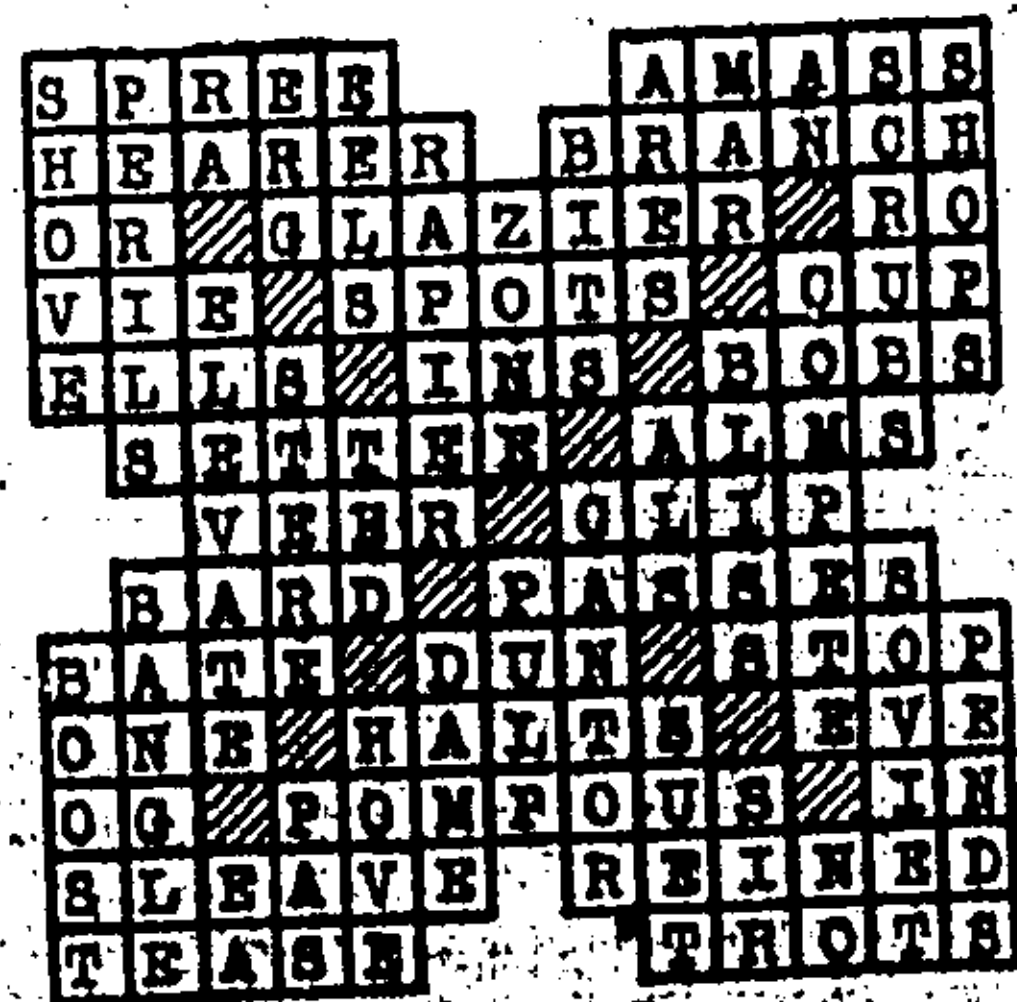
HORIZONTAL

- 1 Part of circle
- 4 Fashions
- 9 Groove
- 12 Overmuch
- 13 Palm
- 14 Greek letter
- 15 Decade
- 16 Box
- 17 To irritate
- 18 Youngster
- 20 Shaping machine
- 22 Furnace
- 24 To allow
- 25 Grampus
- 28 Periphery
- 29 Stretch of sand
- 30 French priests
- 31 Celerity
- 33 Parsimonious person
- 34 Coral island
- 35 To be allent
- 36 Brazilian money
- 38 Old Irish capitol
- 39 Among
- 40 Former
- 41 To bury

VERTICAL

- 1 Siamese coin
- 2 Fish eggs
- 3 Placed in the same age
- 4 Spar
- 5 Worthless leaving
- 6 Tradesman
- 7 Brilliancy
- 8 Sodium chloride
- 9 Resounding
- 10 Western Indian
- 11 Levy
- 19 Preposition
- 21 Parts of fireplaces
- 22 Conjunction
- 23 Outlook
- 24 Youth
- 26 Goddess of growing vegetation
- 27 Since
- 29 Babylonian deity
- 30 Object
- 32 Ardour
- 33 Slime
- 34 Preposition
- 35 Illusion
- 37 Pronoun
- 39 Fracas
- 40 Chinese measure
- 42 Mountain lake
- 43 Sacred
- 44 To exhaust
- 45 High note
- 47 Insane
- 49 Caustic substance
- 50 Moisture

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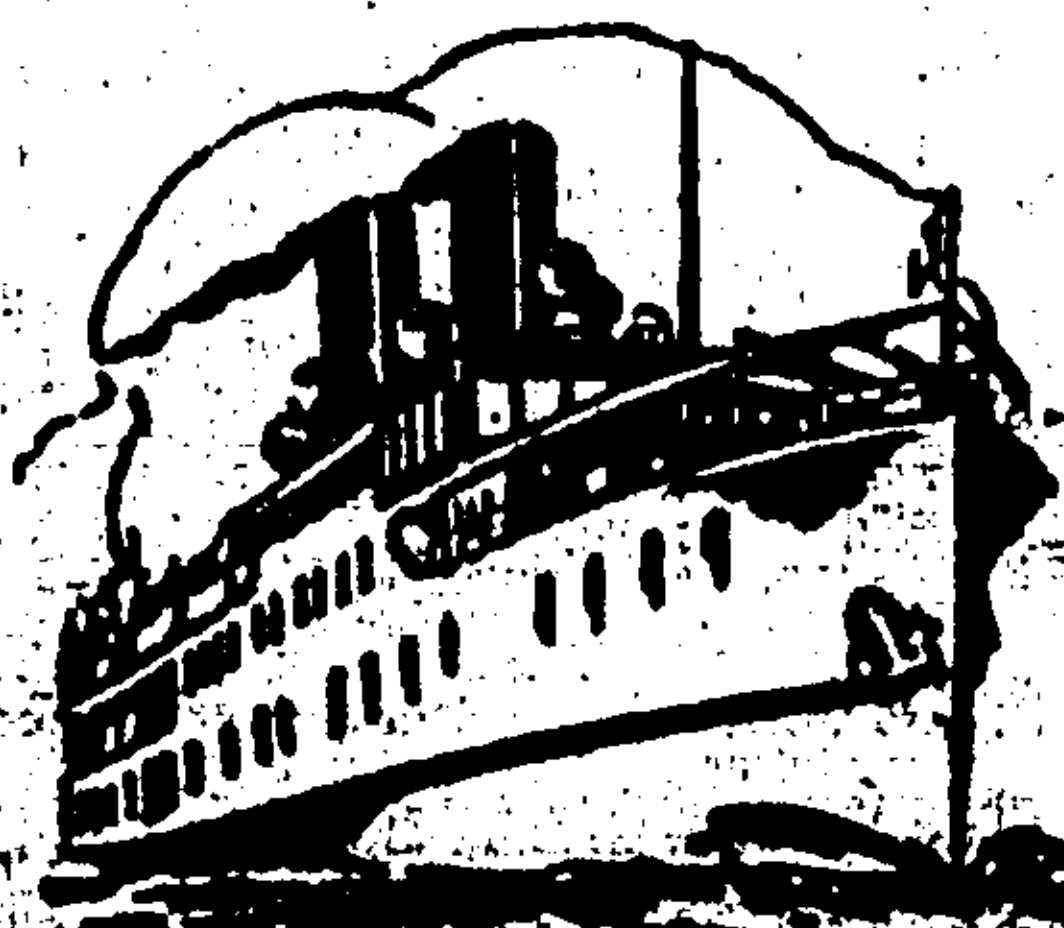
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HITLER LOSING GROUND IN THE GERMAN ARMY

Hitler is beginning to lose ground in the German fighting forces.

There are some curious passages in a new pamphlet by Col. Kurt Hesse, of the German General Staff, which has been distributed among the troops at the front.

Instead of sticking to the usual Nazi phraseology and describing Frederick the Great as the forerunner of National-Socialism, he speaks of Hitler as the heir of Frederick the Great.

MEANS QUITE A LOT

To an Englishman this may seem an insignificant point, but to the German mind, with its love of quibbles, it may mean quite a lot. It leaves the door open for a discovery by the leaders of the German fighting forces that the mantle of Frederick the Great has really fallen on the shoulders of Gen. —, Adml. —, or Air Marshal —.

Other points, too, in this pamphlet, strike an unusual note in the Germany of to-day. Describing the developments which led up to the war, Col. Hesse writes of Germany's recovery of "what belonged to her." In

this category he mentions the Rhineland, Austria and the Sudeten districts, but not Bohemia and Moravia.

BANISH THE DOUBTS

In a final appeal to German soldiers the colonel writes: "No people in the world possesses a better army than we; no nation has such a strong and resolute leadership; no State has organised its resources so well.

"Let us only look at the strong points, and not at the weak ones. Let us have confidence in our good and just cause and banish the doubts which arise here and there, perhaps even in our own hearts."

All this is buried in a mass of conventional Nazi verbiage, but these passages are enough to make Dr. Goebbels see red.

LANDSLIDE MISHAP

Four earth coolies were yesterday treated at the Queen Mary Hospital, suffering from injuries received while working on the China Construction Company site, Shouson Hill, Aberdeen, yesterday.

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REAL LIFE DETECTIVE TRIUMPHS

MIRROR TELLS THE STORY

On September 17, 1932, Donald Ross was found dead in his home at Maisons-Laffitte, near Paris. He was bound hand and foot and was gagged. The wire from his wireless set had been torn away in order to tie the unfortunate man, who had died from suffocation.

His high standing in the community added the sensationalism of the crime. He was the representative on the continent of a Glasgow firm of manufacturers. Also he was a member of the British Intelligence Service. The house had been ransacked, which made it a common burglary instead of a high political crime. Yet the affair was clouded with mystery which the detectives of the Surate made up their mind to solve at any cost.

Mr. Ross had been seen in the waiting room of the Gare St. Lazare in Paris on the evening of Sept. 16. While there he got into conversation with three coarse-looking men who boarded the train with him. Witnesses were found who had seen the four of them alight from the train at Maisons-Laffitte station. Evidently the party had been drinking. At all events the three men accompanied Mr. Ross to the door of his home, and it was learned later that he had invited them in to partake of his hospitality.

By
GEORGE BARTON

They did that — and more, too. They repaid his kindness by tying him up and robbing the house of practically everything that could be carried away. Fortunately several persons had seen them and it was possible to obtain a description of the lawless trio. The French Chief of Police and M. Frean made a careful search of the archives at headquarters and finally decided that the three men were professional burglars well known to the police.

But three years had passed and then they were located — of all places in the world — in the prison at St. Julien - en - Genevoise. Their names were Rene Anchisi, an Italian; Pierre Guillemot and Serge Sauvageot, both Swiss.

It was ascertained that the three of them always travelled together and that the last job which sent them to jail was one in which they worked in unison. Various other details which were dug up convinced the police that they had secured the right men, but M. Frean was not entirely satis-

fied. He wanted to make one final test before the case was sent into court.

One morning, bright and early, he called at the prison and announced his intention of cross-examining the Three Musketeers of Crime. He told the warden he would see them in the waiting room of the prison and that no outsiders should be permitted to participate in the interview. The warden instantly placed the room at the disposal of the detective. He needed a witness, of course, and naturally it was the warden. One odd request was that a mirror be placed on the far side of the room. Three chairs were placed in a row opposite the mirror.

Anchisi was brought in first, and he denied everything; Guillemot came next and he told a rambling story that did not help much. Finally Sauvageot appeared. He was a bit dazed and looked at his companions curiously. What had they told the police? What should he say? And might not his testimony spoil everything? To the surprise of the thieves M. Frean did not start to question the last man as he had the other two. Instead he said: "Pardon me a moment until I look at my notes."

He turned his back to them and pretended to be reading from a little book. But in reality he was peering into the mirror and watching their every movement. Presently Anchisi wrote something on a slip of paper and handed it to Sauvageot. Instantly the detective, swung around and grabbed the note which read:

"Don't forget that you were NOT in Paris on Sept. 16, 1932."

Just a few words but it sent the three murderous burglars to Devil's Island for 20 years.

Anchisi considered himself the brains of the gang, but he had been the means of giving them what was practically a life sentence.

"EMM DEELADDYERR"

Important "hand-outs" at the Press Bureau sometimes give journalists there an opportunity for long-repressed exuberance. The announcer of the Downing-street communique about the Supreme War Council meeting in Paris invited retaliation by his laborious pronunciation of the French names.

"Emm Deeladdyerr," he announced, and more doubtfully, "Emm Chompeetyerr des Rye-bes, General Gammylin, and Emm Ledger." The names were received with some scepticism.

When he came to the British delegation, journalists were unable to resist spelling out "C-h-a-m-b-e-r-l-a-i-n!"

DESTROYERS' BIBLE CODE

American newspapers publish a report from a ship which took Canadian troops to England. It describes how one transport in the convoy got lost in the Atlantic fog.

Two destroyers spent an entire day looking for her. Then all vessels in the neighbourhood heard the following wireless message: "Read Luke 15, vi."

Bibles were hurriedly consulted and the message decoded as follows: "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost."

PEAK RESIDENT SUMMONED

Mr. Leslie Archibald Lewis, of No. 517, The Peak, was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., this morning, for failing to notify the Registration Office on leaving the Colony on January 9.

A representative told the Court that defendant is still in Chungking.

The summons was adjourned for two weeks.

BRIBE ALLEGATION

For offering a bribe to an Indian constable after his arrest for dumping night soil in the street, Iu Kam, 49, was this morning sentenced to two months' hard labour by Mr. E. Himsworth.

He was fined \$10 or one month for dumping the night soil.

Mr. E. V. Searle, of No. 92, Waterloo Road, has reported that an overcoat and a pair of spectacles were stolen from his bedroom last night.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE

FIVE CHINESE WERE BEFORE MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO ASSAULT A MAN NAMED WONG 'CHI-FONG' IN WANCHAI ON MONDAY.

The accused were Wong Yat-ming, 22, described as a doctor, Luk Fat-yat, 25, Liu Shing, house coolie, Lam Tak-cho, 23, and Lam Cheuk-fu, 29, salesman.

Wong and Luk were charged with possession of weapons.

All defendants pleaded not guilty. It is alleged that a sharp-pointed knife and a file dagger were found in the possession of Wong and Luk when the police arrested them.

The case was adjourned for further enquiries.

Detective Sub-Inspector W. N. Darkin is in charge of the case.

SERIOUS CHARGE AGAINST CONSTABLE

A Chinese constable, Yuen Kau, was this morning charged before Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen at Kowloon with indecent assault of a female refugee at King's Park Camp.

The incident is alleged to have occurred a week ago.

At the request of Det. Sgt. N. B. Fraser, Yuen Kau was remanded.

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6.00 p.m.—MOZART—"Magic Flute." Act I. Singers in order of appearance: Roswaenge, Scheppan, Marhen, Berglund, Husch, Sohn, Berger, Tessmer, Lemnitz, Beilke, Spletter, Grossman, Strienz & Chorus with the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra conducted by Sir Thomas Beecham.
7.05 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
7.07 p.m.—CONCERT by Vladimir Horowitz and Pablo Casals. Gavotte Tendre (Hillemacher).... Pablo Casals with Piano Accompaniment by N. Mednikoff. Menuet (Debussy).... Pablo Casals with Piano Accompaniment by N. Mednikoff. Etude XI pour les Arpeges .Com-

To-day's Wireless

ZBW 355 M. (845 k.c.'s) and 31.49 M. 9.52 Megacycles

poses (Debussy).... Vladimir Horowitz at the Piano.
(a) Pastourel (b) Toccata (Poulenc).... Vladimir Horowitz in a Piano-forte Solo.
Chanson Villageoise (A Village Song)—Op. 62, No. (David Popper).... Pablo Casals.
Après un Reve (Gabriel Faure).... Violincello with Piano.
7.30 p.m.—LONDON—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—STUDIO—"Some Great Authors"—2: Swift. The second of a Series of Talks by Father Ryan, S.J.

8.30 p.m.—Dennis Noble—Baritone. The Trumpeter (Francis Airlie); Nirvana (Weatherley—Stephen Adams).... with Piano Accompaniment by Gerald Moore.

8.40 p.m.—Barnabas Von Gezy and His Orchestra.

Paul Lincke Medley; Adua (Olivieri); Black Orchids (Richartz); Bavarian Wedding (Waltz in Folk Style) (Josef Bixner); Gee-Up (Polka) (Josef Rixner); The Lambeth Walk (From "Me & My Girl" Noel Gay); The Donkey Serenade (Film "Firefly"—Friml—Stothart).

9.05 p.m.—Negro Spirituals. Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen (Traditional).... Louis Armstrong with the Lyn Murray Quartet.

(a) I Stood on de Ribber; (b) Peter, Go Ring dem Bells (arr. Bur-

Extravaganza : "Playing The Game"

leigh)...Paul Robeson with Piano Accomp. by Lawrence Brown. Go Down, Moses (Burleigh).... Paul Robeson accomp. by Lawrence Brown.

9.15 p.m.—LONDON—News Summary.

9.30 p.m.—BILLY RUSSELL—"On Behalf of the Working Classes".

9.45 p.m.—The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra directed by Henry Hall.

Paso-Doble—Le Touquet. Fox-Trot—The Merry-Go-Round Broke Down.

Slow Fox-Trots—Every Minute of the Hour; Here Comes the Bride.

Comedy Novelty—A Feather in Her Tyrolean Hat....Sung by Annette Mills.

Comedy Waltz—The Travelling Salesman.

Slow Fox-Trot—Rusty & Dusty (Adventures of Rusty & Dusty Brown).

Novelty Fox-Trot—The Fairy on the Christmas Tree.

10.10 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Playing the Game". A Farical Extravaganza by L. du Garde Peach.

Music by George Baker. Produced by Charles Brewer.

11.00 p.m.—CLOSE DOWN.



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Robert McPherran of Philadelphia recently found himself in a very perplexing situation. Holding the South hand, he opened the bidding with a club, only to be informed that it was not his bid as East had dealt the cards. Mr. McPherran having made a bid out of turn, the penalty of completely shutting his partner out of the bidding was exacted. Mr. McPherran thereupon came forth with the startling bid of six diamonds, which West promptly doubled!

East, Dealer
North side vulnerable

♠ Q 9 6 5
♥ Q J 8 4
♦ 8 7 2
♣ 6 3

♠ A K 8 4
♥ K 7 3
♦ J 6 5
♣ Q J 8

♠ J 10 7 8
♥ A 10 9 8
♦ 5 2
♣ 10 4

♠ 2
♥ —
♦ A K Q 9 8
♣ A K 10 9 7 6 4

Mr. McPherran

West opened the King of spades, then shifted to a trump. Mr. McPherran drew two rounds of trumps, then established his club suit by playing the Ace-King and ruffing a club in dummy. He then spread his hand and claimed the contract. "Of course, your Slam bid was a pretty good gamble," we said to him, "but why did you bid it in diamonds rather than clubs?"

Mr. McPherran replied, "You see,

there were eight diamonds outstanding and only six clubs. This being the case, I stood a far better chance of finding three or more diamonds in my partner's hand rather than clubs. If I had played the hand in clubs, I would have been set in as much as the suit did not break. But with diamonds trumps, I was fortunate enough to find West long in both suits so that the bad club break actually did not matter."

You were Oswald Jacoby's partner in yesterday's question and held:

♠ A K 2
♥ A J 10 x x
♦ x x
♣ x x x

The bidding:

You Schenken Jacoby Maier
1♥ Pass 1NT Pass
(7)

ANSWER: Your correct bid is to pass. The hand offers no game possibilities, and with 5-3-3-2 distribution there is little point in rebidding your suit.

Score 100% for pass, 40% for two hearts, 0 for any other bid.

QUESTION NO. 333

Merwin Maier is your partner today and you hold:

♠ K Q J 10 x
♥ K x x x
♦ Q J x
♣ x

The bidding:

Burnstone You Schenken Maier
Pass Pass Pass 1♥
Pass (7)

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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SAIGON LEAVE FOR MACAO

The Saigon Football team left for Macao this morning to play a game there this afternoon. They expect to return to-morrow.

On Friday they will be the guests of the Chinese Athletic Federation at an informal dinner.

CLUB HOCKEY TEAM

Following will represent Hong Kong Hockey Club against Rajputana Rifles on the Club ground to-day at 5 p.m.:—V. M. Benwell; V. C. Bond and E. V. Reed; N. B. Whitley, W. A. Reed and R. A. Bates; S. A. Fowler, D. S. Carey, G. E. Divett, T. D. Whitley and B. I. Blackford.

Y.M.C.A. TEAMS

The following will represent Y.M.C.A. at hockey this week:

To-morrow, v. H.K.S.R.A.:—Benwell; Jor-

CHAMPS WIN

In a friendly match at the bowling alleys yesterday, the Champs beat U.S.S. Asheville by 438.

THE CHAMPS

Dick Venezia..... 180 156 188 194 175 893
Ernie Hearther..... 127 200 153 179 149 806
Doc Molthen..... 173 183 128 169 143 768
Gene Faggiano..... 124 142 145 143 149 703
Total..... 3,172

U.S.S. ASHEVILLE

W. J. Balaski..... 141 191 183 120 147 782
L. S. Pawloski..... 156 157 135 146 110 704
C. G. Cunnning..... 121 131 122 149 105 628
M. O. Gray..... 135 119 131 126 109 620
Total..... 2,734

dan, Wakefield; Smits, McLellan, Colledge; Corser, Stone, Pennington, Coombe, Baldwin.

SATURDAY

Firsts (v. Kumaon) Marina, 4.15 p.m.—Benwell; Jordan, Yourieff; Kempton, Pennington, Waldron; Smith, A. N. Other, Taylor, Gilchrist, Bates.

Seconds (v. Rajputana Rifles) Shamshulpo, 4.15 p.m.—Clegggett; Killeen, Tomlinson, Mackenzie, Coombe, Grant; Macey, Dormer, Wakefield, Stone, Banks.



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K.C.C.	4	2	2	0	6
I.R.C.	3	2	1	0	6
Police	2	1	0	1	4
C.S.C.C.	3	1	1	1	4
Army	3	1	1	1	4
R.A.F.	2	0	1	1	1
University	4	0	4	0	0

DEADLY
BOWLING
BY G.A.
GUTERRES

(By "ADREM")

Recreio juniors, after a weak start when they lost badly to Police, have now moved to the top of the table thanks to a decisive win over Craigengower.

The latter team number among their successes this year a victory over the champions, Kowloon Cricket Club, and another fine one over Army.

I was surprised therefore to hear that they had lost, especially as U. M. Omar, at one time the most consistent bowler in the Colony, was turning out for them.

Recreio's batting was fairly consistent, A. M. Prata making 31, J. E. Noronha 22, F. H. Carvalho 25 not out and J. Soares 17 not out.

A. M. Omar bowled very steadily and Lam had a good spell with the ball to finish up with 3 for 31.

BAD START

Craigengower, with a somewhat unorthodox batting order, lost four wickets for 19 but some solid batting by J. W. Leonard, C. W. Lam and U. M. Omar improved the situation somewhat. Came another batting collapse, however, that a gallant innings by A. B. Hamson could not stop and Craigengower's total eventually fell short of Recreio's by 32 runs.

G. Guterres was in fine form with the ball and finished up a good afternoon's work with an analysis of 7 for 47.

AIR FORCE TROUNCED

A particularly uninteresting game was played at Civil Service on Sunday, Indian Recreation Club beating Royal Air Force by five wickets.

Air Force, without New, were never in the picture and their innings was just a long procession; the last seven "batsmen" managed one run between them against bowling that was not terribly difficult!

M. R. Abbas had a very good match. He took 5 for 21 and then hit up top score.

Other I.R.C. players to distinguish themselves were Y. T. Barma (5 for 14), and M. I. Razack 29 retired.

THE BOAT
RACE

London, To-day. — The inter-Varsity boat race, to be held at Henley on March 2, will be unofficial and no blues will be awarded.

Both crews are training hard, attempting to cram two terms' work into a few weeks. Selection of the crews will be from among some 70 to 80 candidates and there are few blues in residence.

Oxford had intended using the 1938 boat but it was seriously damaged in the bow in a collision during practice last week. — Reuter.

CRICKET NOTES

Uninteresting League
Cricket MatchesCIVIL SERVICE NO MATCH
FOR SENIOR CHAMPIONS

(By "ADREM")

There was little cricket, of note on Saturday there being only two League games, which, with the Junior match on Sunday between Royal Air Force and Indian Recreation Club, comprised the entire League activity for the week.

MAMMOTH
SWEEP

The sale of tickets for the Big Sweep reached 450,000 early this morning and it is anticipated that a greater rush will be experienced for the next few days.

The first prize at present is almost \$200,000.

With no limit to the number of tickets to be sold it is confidently expected that 750,000 tickets will be sold before the race.

CAREY
HITS OUT

(By "ADREM")

If the cricket never reached a very high standard the whole-day friendly match between Police and Volunteers on Sunday was as enjoyable as the fixtures always are.

Volunteers won by 60 runs and were just as successful in the team shakes after the match—a traditional feature of these games.

Batting first in Summer's heat, with the light so brilliant as to be difficult, the amateur soldiers were given something of a shock when they lost the wickets of Ernie Zimmern and Mackay in Lewis's first over for about three runs.

Although wickets fell fairly steadily thereafter, the runs also came at a fair pace and with useful contributions from Francis Zimmern, who cut very powerfully, S. J. Cooke, Archie Zimmern, R. M. M. King and N. D. Lloyd, the total was eventually carried to 147, a very good one under the circumstances.

Real feature of the innings was the brilliant bowling of Lewis.

A left-hander, Lewis bears out the high opinion I formed of him early in the season. He took some very good wickets on Sunday and is not far short of First Division standard.

CAREY DOES WELL

His best ball is a real snorter which pitches on the leg and goes away sharply to take the off stump. Carey took three cheap wickets near the end.

A. E. Carey was the only Police batsman to do anything against accurate bowling by Zimmern, and the effective deliveries of Anderson.

Carey went for anything that could be hit from the first ball he received and, when dismissed with the total at 36, he had scored 34!

Danbrowsky batted correctly and stayed a long time but was eventually bowled off his pads by a good ball from Zimmern.

The Volunteers' catching was bad, Mackay putting down two not particularly difficult chances.

I am told that the game at King's Park between Recreio and Civil Service was a very poor one, there being little of interest throughout.

Recreio, battling first, started badly and lost two wickets for only eight runs, but, improving somewhat thereafter, they went on to compile the respectable total of 149 for 9 dec.

At one time it appeared more than probable that they would not reach the century. Apart from the Gosano family, none of their batsmen had done anything of note and eight wickets were down for 97.

So vigorously did the tail then wag, however, that a sticky situation was redeemed and, whatever else happened later, there was little prospect of the Champions losing three points. Nick Beltrao, W. A. Reed and A. P. Pereira all made useful scores towards the end to upset the fallacy that Recreio have a long tail!

Perry did not bowl as steadily as usual but McLellan kept a very accurate length and was very difficult to get away.

The Civil Service innings was just a procession. Their five best batsmen scored between them only 24 runs and actually young Dickie Hollidge, with 20, was the only member of the team to offer material resistance.

Hollidge has the right temperament and a fine defence and should develop into a really first-class bat.

Eddie Gosano and H. L. Ozorio took eight wickets between them, while G. N. Gosano and Pereira also took one apiece.

PEARCE
COLLARS
O-HUGHES

(By "ADREM")

Two friendlies completed the cricket for Saturday. A depleted K.C.C. team lost to Craigengower, and Under Thirties beat Over Thirties in an H.K.C.C. intra-club game.

At Cox's Road, K.C.C. attack, without R. E. Lee, Lloyd or Anderson, presented few difficulties to Craigengower who ran up a score of 177 for 9 dec.

W. Hong Sling batted somewhat laboriously for 31, Francis Zimmern made 53 and G. Souza 32. Capt. Parsons, who bowled some very good balls, took 4 for 51 and Baxter also took four wickets at a cost of seven runs apiece.

Only two Kowloon batsmen reached double-figures, Francis Lay making 17 and Archie Zimmern 14.

F. R. Zimmern bowled steadily and Billimoria met with his first success with the ball for some time to take 3 for 10.

OWEN HUGHES' ANALYSIS RUINED

Everything else in the intra-club game at H.K.C.C. was overshadowed by the batting of T. A. Pearce, who took full toll of a weak attack to score 139 out of 185 in 75 minutes.

Prior to the arrival of Pearce, who went in No. 6, Owen Hughes had been practically unplayable and had five wickets for 10 runs. Pearce completely ruined his analysis, however, and he finished up with 5 for 72.

Most successful batsmen for Over Thirties were "Peanut" Marshall, down here for the annual race meeting, H. J. Anslow, H. Owen Hughes and E. J. R. Mitchell and their total of 176 against quite a fair attack was not a bad effort.

Aitkenhead took 4 for 26 and Day, who makes quite good pace off the wicket, had 5 for 50.



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ARMY SPORTLIGHT

(By "SQUADDY")

TWENTY-FOURTH Bty. R. A. defeated Signals in the Small Units' Rugby League on Saturday after a very keen struggle. The game became rather rougher than usual towards the end but this must be put down to over-eagerness, and, in certain cases, inexperience.

The roughness seemed to develop after an apparently doubtful decision by the referee which resulted in Signals scoring a try. I really hope that discontent was not shown in this way as this means of showing disapproval of the referee is far too frequent in all branches of sports.

Once a referee gives a decision there is nothing one can do about it at the time and probably nothing much afterwards. "If in doubt as to why the referee made a certain decision ask civilly for his reason."

Anyway what's a mistake among friends, after all it is only a game!

TO resume. Signals opened the score with a try by yet another newcomer to their team, Sigm. Lees who showed plenty of spirit and speed throughout. Nothing daunted, however, the Gun-

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Pte. Boocock promoted to Corporal.

GRAPHIC GOLF



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Believing that the simple shot is best and that overspin is the best ingredient for such a shot, Chick Evans recommends it for all shots close to the green. Overspin is the same rotation a wheel has as it moves forward and, like the wheel, the ball with distinct overspin will adhere to the line. There will be little inclination, provided the ball is struck decisively enough, for it to wobble or spin from one side to the other.

To gain overspin, be certain the clubhead not only makes contact at right angles to the ball but maintains this right angled adjustment for as long as possible. Wrist action backward and forward if executed efficiently enough will apply sufficient power to the stroke. Hit the ball straight ahead along the line. Next Article:—Start The Game Young.



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RUGBY

ROYALS LOSE TO SAPPERS

Two Army League Rugby matches were played yesterday at Sookunpoo and resulted in Engineers greatly enhancing their chances of winning the championship by defeating a strong Royal Scots side by two penalty goals (8 points) to nil.

In the other game 5th A.A. Royal Artillery unexpectedly beat 8th Heavy Brigade, Royal Artillery, by a goal and two tries (11 points) to a try (3 points).

In the first game between the two Artillery teams Giblin played well for the winners and scored two good tries.

5th A.A. led at the interval by 8-0, Giblin and Clark scoring tries, one of which Dobbinson converted. After the interval Giblin again scored for the winners and McDermott replied for 8th Brigade.

5th A.A. Bde.:—Easterbrook; Mulligan, Sutcliffe, Giblin, Salisbury; Dobbinson, Mullen; Evans, Rafferty, Clarke; Cook, Hanley; Barnes, MacIntyre, Taylor. 8th Hvy. Bde.:—McCarthy; Marsh, McDermott, J. Richards, Freer; Keeble, Foster; Humberstone, Pitt, Bowen; Rawlings, Jones; Turner, McMillen, Plummer.

SAPPERS WIN

Though fielding a strong side, Royal Scots were beaten by Royal Engineers in an evenly-contested game.

Birrell was again prominent with his kicking, scoring all the points for his side.

Birrell, Waite and Pike were outstanding in the Sappers' team while Duke, Pinkerton and Ross shone for Royal Scots.

Both goals were kicked in the first half.

Engineers:—Otway; Arthingstall, Martin, Jones, Birrell; Waite, Foley; Apperley, Pike, Eouzan; Blackman, Davies, Brinkley, Killeen, Sheldrake.

Scots:—Ross; Marshall, Cuthbertson, Ridsdale, Gibson; Douglas, Gracey; Pursey, Sullivan, Miller; Loughran, Lane; Duke, Ford, Pinkerton.

The preliminary rounds of Army seven-a-side Rugby tournament which were to have been played yesterday were postponed and two Army league games played instead.



WALL BACK IN POLICE FIFTEEN

(By "SCRUM-HALF")

Wall, who was injured in the match in which Club beat Police by one point, will be playing full-back for Police against Army at Sookunpoo next Saturday at 4 p.m.

His return has caused the omission of Leslie, who will be replaced at fly-half by Fay.

Luscombe, who injured his knee against Army a week ago last Saturday, has also recovered and will partner Fay.

Following is the Police team: Wall; Reynolds, Jackson, Wilson and Taylor; Fay and Luscombe; Wheeler, Cullinan, Searle, Rose, Innis, Wright-Nooth, Dempsey and Riddell.

TO-DAY'S GAME

Club "A" are playing Navy "A" to-day at the Valley at 5 p.m. and will be represented by Thompson; A. N. Other, Aitkenhead, Carruthers and P. Wilson; Butcher and Trevelyan; Stoker, Dunnott, McCree; Hackett, King; Roscoe, Henn and Richardson.

BOWLING ALLEY JOTTINGS

By "STRIKE"

AS I predicted in my last notes, the semi-final of the Singles Handicap Competition between M. F. L. Haymes and R. H. Tidd was a very close and interesting match.

Haymes's handicap was plus 25 and Tidd's plus 17, so actually Tidd was conceding to Haymes 8 pins per game, and, as the rules call for five games to be played in the semi-finals and final, Tidd was giving Haymes 40 pins in the five games.

Haymes won by the narrow margin of 37 pins, including his handicap, but had both played level Tidd would have won by three points.

It was thus again illustrated how close and fair has been the handicapping throughout the Competition.

This match was played on January 2, and the individual scores were as follows: M. F. L. Haymes 778 received 40 total 816; R. H. Tidd 779.

Haymes average was therefore 163 per game including his handicap, and Tidd's average 156.

TIDD'S LAPSE

There were no scores of 200 or over throughout this game, but Tidd almost reached this figure with 194 in his first game; Haymes' best effort was 189 in his fourth game.

Had Tidd not dropped down on his fourth game—he only made 119—the match would indeed have been much closer.

Haymes now meets J. H. Watts in the Final, which will be played off on Thursday evening at 6 p.m.

In my opinion this match will be a very keen one, and there should be very little in it at the end.

There was quite an interesting three-game Ten Pin match played on February 2, between H.M.S. Thracian and Royal Signals.

The individual scores were as follows:—

Royal Signals	H.M.S. Thracian	
H. Blount	400	Sto. Willis 489
Somerville	474	A. B. Birch 476
J. H. Watts	473	A. B. Shipsey 439
D. Hall	412	A. B. Rutter 347

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I was rather surprised at Rutter's poor score, because this player can usually be depended upon to put up 140 or 150 a game.

In this match, the average for the Signals was 154 pins per man per game, and Thracian 146 pins.

BLOUNT TOP-SCORER

Cpl. Blount was top scorer for the match with 490 in his bag, or an average of 163 per game, followed very closely by Stoker P. O. Willis with 489 or an average of 163 per game. This was good bowling.

On February 5, Thracian were to play the M.T.B.'s but owing to the exigencies of the service, the latter team could not turn out. The opportunity was therefore taken to match Thracian against a representative team from the Bowling Alley. This resulted in a very comfortable win for the Alley team by 358 pins, but there was no doubt that the Thracian team were not at all comfortable, probably because they had all been inoculated the day before and were all feeling sore!

Individual scores for this match were as follows:—

Alley Team	Thracian Team	
J. H. Watts	530	A. B. Dyer 406
L. S. Landolt	512	A. B. Birch 404
H. Blount	485	A. B. Francis 388
G. Somerville	405	A. B. Shipsey 359

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Both Landolt and Watts made over 200 in one game in this match, Landolt notching 207 in his first game, and Watts 202, also in his first game.

Dyer, Birch, Francis and Shipsey can do much better than they did on this occasion, but as I have already stated, they undoubtedly still felt the effects of their inoculation.

This evening, we will be treated to a good five-game Ten Pin match between our old favourites, Asheville and the Champs, and I understand that Ernie Hearther, who has just returned from home leave, will augment the Champs' team; a really interesting and exciting match can be expected, although, I understand, that other stalwart, Joe Harvey, will not be able to turn out for the Asheville.

THE COTTAGE CLUB

A cavalcade will be held from the Club House at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday. The route will include the ground covered in last Saturday's paper hunt.

Riders who are not members of the Cottage Club will be welcome to participate and they are requested to send their mounts to the Club at the appointed time.

BADMINTON

TWO GAMES POSTPONED

Only one match will be played off to-night in "B" Division of the Badminton League, St. Andrew's against St. John's. Matches between Recrelo and St. Teresa's and Kowloon Tong and King's College, have been postponed.

St. Andrew's:—A. E. P. Guest and A. S. Bliss; H. Kew and E. F. Fincher; W. Gillies and A. E. Brown.

St. John's:—P. Wilson and N. L. Smith; H. Eardley and R. Beavan; F. Kwok and D. Kwok.

C.C.C. LEAGUE TEAM

Following will represent Craigen-gower Cricket Club in a League match against the University on Saturday, at 2.00 p.m. on the home ground.

E. Zimmerman (Capt.), P. J. Billimoria, E. H. Esmail, A. J. Ruler, A. E. Ismail, E. A. Lee, H. P. Lim, W. Hong King, G. Souza, G. Winch and F. R. Zimmerman. Umpire:—G. Ladd; Score:—H. W. Randall.

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17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and 24th February.

On SATURDAY, 17th, MONDAY, 19th, TUESDAY, 20th, and WEDNESDAY, 21st February, the first bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., and the first race will be run at 12.00 NOON. On Saturday, 24th February, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

The tiffin interval will be after the fourth race on the first four days of the Meeting.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 10.00 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 12.00 NOON ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy, (Tel. 21920).

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting. No amahs will be allowed on the Fifth Day.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tiffins will be obtainable in the Restaurant, in the Public Enclosure.

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Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

G. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 11th February, 1940.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the HONG KONG HOTEL, Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 15th, February, 1940, at 11.00 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, 3rd February to Thursday, 15th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hong Kong, 23rd Jan., 1940

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Friday, the 9th February, 1940, to Friday, the 16th February, 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 25th Jan., 1940.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the Head Office of the Corporation, No. 1 Queen's Road Central, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, the 28th February 1940, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Thursday the 15th February to Wednesday the 28th February 1940 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th. February, 1940.

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LONDON, TO-DAY.
HOW TROOPS CUT OFF DURING BRITAIN'S RECENT GREAT FREEZE-UP WERE FED FROM THE AIR, HAS NOW BEEN REVEALED.

In various parts of the country the R.A.F. was asked to establish communication with or drop supplies to military units cut off by the snow. The request was made of one R.A.F. station to get food to five searchlight posts which had become isolated.

WOLFSBURG SCUTTLED

London, To-day.

Another of the German ships which left Brazil in an attempt to break the British blockade has been scuttled.

She is the 6,201-ton steamer Wolfsburg, built in 1915, and owned by Hansa and registered at Bremen.

She was intercepted by a British naval unit and set on fire and scuttled.—Reuter.

VON BRAUSCHITCH IN DANZIG

London, To-day.

General von Brauschitch, the German Commander-in-Chief, has gone to Danzig to inspect reconstruction work, according to the German radio.—Reuter.

The need was so urgent that it was decided not to drop the supplies in the ordinary way from bomb-racks but to fly the machine, with the door locked open and the safety bar in position to prevent the crew falling out.

The aircraft found the first searchlight post and one of the crew kicked the supply container overboard when another gave the signal.

Although flying was difficult all five posts were contacted, and it is estimated that no supply container fell over 200 yards from its target; some fell considerably nearer.—Reuter.

REPORTED PRESSURE ON LATVIA

London, To-day.

The "Daily Mail"—in spite of the Latvian declaration to the contrary—reports that both Estonia and Latvia have received demands from Russia for the provision of further bases for military operations against Finland.—Reuter.

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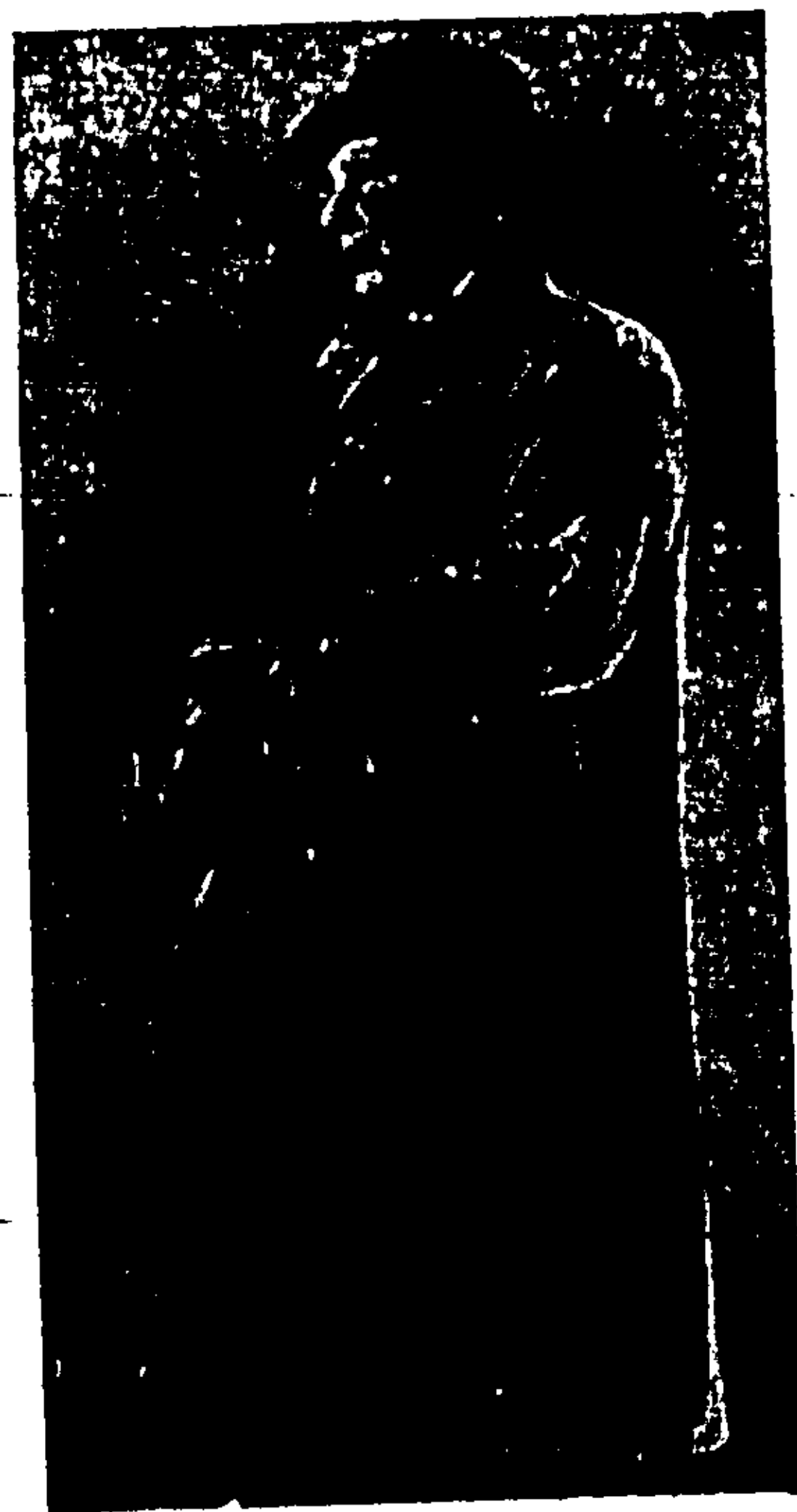
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Moscow, To-day.

A communique says: "Intense infantry and artillery activity continued in some sectors in Finland. The Soviet operations in the Karelian Isthmus are developing successfully. Large enemy forces attempted to make counter-attacks but were repulsed, suffering heavy losses. As the result of successful actions Soviet troops captured 23 of the enemy's defensive fortifications."—Reuter.

Buenos Aires, To-day.

Following incidents between the Graf Spee sailors and Britons and Americans in the streets the authorities have decided to distribute the interned men over various regions and set them to work. Hitherto they have been allowed to move about freely in uniform.—Reuter.

Helsinki, To-day.

Between 20 and 30 warplanes yesterday bombed Borga, a town of 6,000 inhabitants on the coast 30 miles east of the capital. Some 20 fires were started by incendiary bombs. The number of casualties is unknown. Borga contains no military objectives and shelters a number of refugees. A large number of Soviet planes were reported over other points on the coast yesterday.

Authorised circles, referring to the Russian claim to have captured 32 defensive fortifications, said that during violent fighting the Russians temporarily obtained possession of certain fortified positions which were subsequently retaken by the Finns. There is no question of the Soviet troops having penetrated into the Mannerheim Line.—Reuter.

DEATH

HODGSON.—Died at War Memorial Nursing Home, Hong Kong, on 14th February, 1940, Paul Mary Hodgson, aged 60 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5 o'clock to-day. No flowers by request.

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Berlin, To-day.

The official news agency has issued an emphatic denial of the Amsterdam report that German soldiers set on fire an armoured train.—Reuter.

The incident, reported in a Havas despatch to the "China Mail" yesterday, occurred when German soldiers near the Dutch frontier revolted in protest against "pointless" troop movements.

Peiping, To-day.

Intensification of the anti-British campaign is being organised by the Japanese-sponsored authorities in the Peiping area.

The tactics of threatening Chinese employees of British residents and firms are being exploited, together with an intimation that those who leave voluntarily will be found alternative employment with Chinese and Japanese firms.

The radio is now being used extensively to put over scurrilous anti-British propaganda and to increase the scale of boycott of British goods.—Our Own Correspondent.

Helsinki, To-day.

Financial aid received from abroad, principally from America, amounted to about £400,000, said Professor Cajander, the former Premier, in a speech. Half the sum has been allocated to evacuees and the rest divided between the families of reservists and air raid victims.—Reuter.

Stockholm, To-day.

An observer just returned from the Summa front confirms Finnish claims that the Russians have not made inroads into the Mannerheim Line in this sector. At some points fighting is raging over piles of bodies of Russian troops lying half covered in newly-fallen snow. It is stated that if the Russians fail to pierce the Mannerheim Line now they will have no chance of resuming the offensive before early summer. The February snowstorms will soon end movement and the thawing of ice and snow in the Spring will make an advance practically impossible.—Reuter.

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